

The Value of the Soul #5 The Eternal Finality of the Choice

The value of a soul is seen in the absolute ultimate eternal destiny of each individual soul. Depending upon the choices made in this life, every single soul that has ever existed will spend all eternity either in the supreme blessedness of heaven or the absolute desolation and rejection of hell (Matthew 25:34, 41, 46).

There is no third option. There is no alternative. There is no middle ground. In Romans 2:6-9, Paul wrote that God will “. . . render to every person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil . . .” Once we enter the eternal realm our ultimate destiny is fixed and irrevocable (Luke 16:26-31). This earthly life affords our only opportunity to make the crucial decision of where we will spend eternity.

Because the stakes are so high and the consequences so far-reaching, we should take advantage of the only chance we have to determine the final habitation of the soul, not only for ourselves, but for others also.