SERMON OUTLINE 01-19-2025

THE EVENTS OF YOUR ETERNITY

The Bible gives us a very definite schedule of events for our existence:

Event #1: Life | We are created in the image of God for a life of purpose.

- 1. You did not exist in the past, but you will exist forever in the future.
- 2. Man was created with a unique identity & responsibility. (Gen 1:27-28)
- 3. On this earth we live as spirit, soul, and body. (1 Thess 5:23)

Event #2: Death | We will die physically, but not spiritually.

- 1. The death of our body is our exit from life on earth.
- 2. Following our existence on earth, our soul and spirit live on.
- 3. Every man will die, and this will happen only once. (Heb 9:27)

Event #3: Destination | We reach our eternal destination after death.

- 1. Jesus identified only two possible locations in the afterlife: Heaven (John 14:2) -or- Hell (Matthew 23:33)
- 2. Jesus clearly explained how to avoid hell and go to heaven. (John 3:18)

Event #4: Resurrection | We will receive a resurrected body.

- 1. It will be new and immortal. (John 5:28-29 & 1 Cor 15:51-58)
- 2. Jesus will transform our earthly body so it will be conformed to His glorious body. (Phil 3:20-21)

Event #5: Repayment | We will receive an eternal reward or retribution.

- 1. Everyone's works will be judged by Jesus Christ. (John 5:22)
- 2. Our works will determine the degree of reward in Heaven (Rev 20:11 -15) or your retribution in Hell. (Matt 23:14) (2 Cor 5:10)

Event #6: Eternity | We will live forever in the presence or absence of God.

- 1. Eternity is a real life in a real place where you will experience the consequences of your beliefs and actions on earth.
- Jesus said those who have rejected Him will experience everlasting punishment, while those who have chosen Him will receive eternal life. (Matthew 25:46)
- 3. Jesus promised that in heaven His friends would be with Him and He would prepare them a mansion. (John 14:1-3)