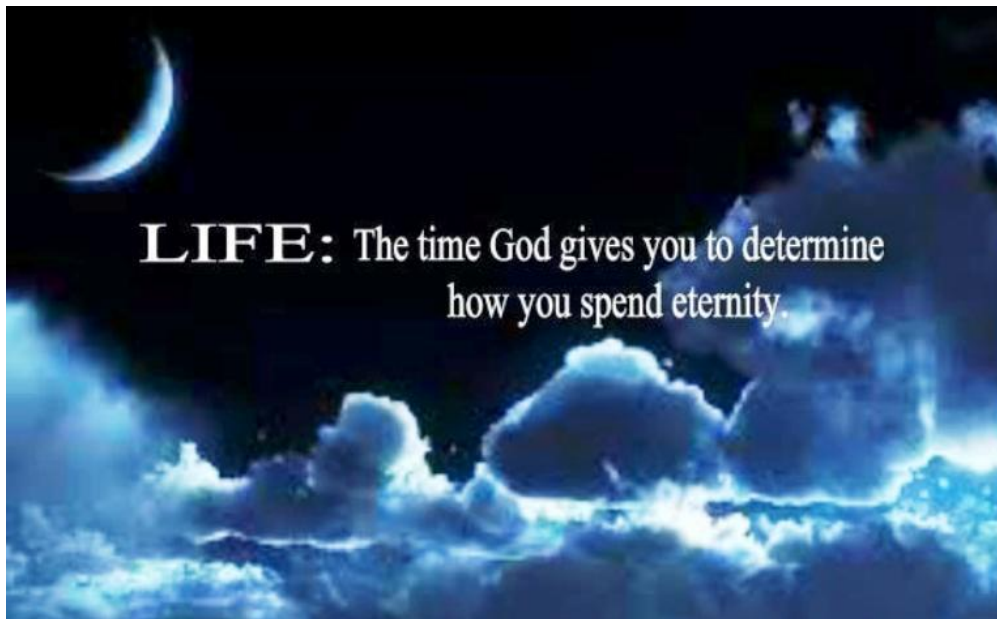


## ETERNITY



*“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” – Mark 8: 36-37*

Why do some men doubt eternity when mathematicians believe in infinity? Infinity is simply man’s limited, mathematical way of expressing eternity. Eternity is forever infinite and perpetual in nature. It is immeasurably boundless and endless!

According to Pastor W. F. Kumuyi of Deeper Life Bible Church, describing eternity:

*“Suppose it were possible to tie a rope from earth to heaven and an ant were to go to the sun and return to earth on this rope. When an ant has done that a hundred times, then a small fraction of eternity has passed. You will still be alive.”*

*“Suppose a small boy were to empty an ocean with a cup, the time it will take the boy is an infinitesimally small part of eternity. If, again, a grain of sand represents one day, all the grains of sand on the seashore will represent only a small, negligible part of eternity!”*

*“If a bird went to sharpen its beak once a year at a mountain, when the bird wears out the mountain in this way, only an insignificant part of eternity would have passed.”*

*“In short, eternity is the lifetime of the never-dying God! And you will live for eternity. You will be alive eternally as God will be alive eternally. Once born, a person remains consciously alive forever.”*

The Bible teaches clearly that God created man in His own image (Genesis 1: 27) so, man shares in the eternal nature of God. Man is a spirit, having a soul and living in a body. Really, the soul of man does not die; it only transits from this physical, terrestrial and temporal phase of life to the spiritual, celestial and eternal phase. The only way to prepare for eternity is to repent of sin, renounce it and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of our life. Anything short of that is simply risking eternity in Hell – the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; where the worms don't die though the fire is not quenched (Mark 9: 43-48; Revelation 21: 8). How on earth would anybody dare to take such extremely terrible and regrettable risk? The choice is yours - eternal life or death!