

What Sort of People: Introduction (2)**Eschatology #2**

1. THE FUTURE AND OUR MISSION: As we began to explore last week, the Scriptures repeatedly connect the way we live in the _____ with God's promises for the future.

a. To be wise about life, we must _____ with the _____.

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. (Psalm 73:16-17)

b. Because of God's promises for the future, we are called to live as a waiting people; but it is an *active* waiting, a posture of waiting that shapes our _____ as the church.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:11-12a)

2. THE FUTURE AND OUR IDENTITY: The future – and our understanding of where we are on the timeline now – gives us our _____.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. (Philippians 3:20 – 4:1)

a. The _____ of our identity: we are citizens of heaven.

b. The _____ of our identity: we are living in the in-between time.

c. The _____ of our identity: we must remember who we are and thereby “stand firm” in the Lord.

3. THE FUTURE AND OUR LIFE TOGETHER: This identity is a _____ identity.

a. The Scriptures exhort us to meet together _____ we are anticipating the future.

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

b. The joy of studying eschatology is the way in which _____ of these things converge: the future, our identity, our mission, our life together.

c. Our calling is both challenging and joyful: to help each other “_____” this hope.

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Catechetical Series Outline
2024-2025

Introduction

1. Beginning with the End: Introduction (1) – September 1, 2024
2. What Sort of People: Introduction (2) – September 8, 2024

Old Testament Eschatology (shape of time, Israel's hope)

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New Testament Eschatology (finally, a chart!)

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The Millennium (dispensationalism, Israel and the land, the rapture?, postmillennialism)

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Signs of the Times (mission, tribulation, wars and natural disasters, the Antichrist)

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The Promised Future (intermediate state, resurrection, judgment, hell, new creation)

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Conclusion

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