



# HOW LONG IS ETERNITY?



**W**e live in a world of *time*. When we are young, *time* seems to go slowly. Summer holidays last ages! When we start secondary school, where we will be for many years, we can hardly imagine it ending, but it does.

As we get older time seems to speed up! Life is so short. Before we know it our time in this world will come to an end. ***What happens then?***

We enter ***eternity***. How long is ***eternity***? What do you think? How long will it last? Could it last as long as it would take to empty a swimming pool? Imagine you were to do so using only a teaspoon: one teaspoon of water once a year! How long before the pool would be empty? Thousands, perhaps millions of lifetimes? Yet still it would eventually come to an end.

**That is not eternity!**



***Eternity*** is like emptying one pool and then looking up and seeing another and then another and another; and then seeing an ocean to be emptied and then another and then...

**Eternity is forever!**



Where will we be in ***eternity***? The Bible says that there is a ***heaven*** and a ***hell***. A world of happiness and a world of misery. We will all be in one or the other. If that world of happiness lasted only as long as it takes to empty the swimming pool, it would not be perfect. Likewise, if misery was coming to an end with the last drop of water on the teaspoon, happiness might follow. But ***eternity*** is ***forever***.

The Bible says we are all ***'destined to die once and then face judgement'*** (Hebrews 9.27). The Bible also says, that ***only*** those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will be ***forever*** in ***heaven***.

How long is ***eternity***? Where will you spend ***eternity***?

If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ you will be saved and spend ***forever*** with the Lord. ■