

THRIVING NOW – IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

1 John 2:28 – 3:10

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Introduction: All of us know that this life is not forever; one day we will reach the end. Of course, we don't like this thought. So, there's a big push these days to engage in longevity studies. Tech futurists talk about digital eternal life. Pharmacological futurists present the case for longer life through chemistry. Other futurists talk about creating new bionic parts that can be interchanged with your biological parts so that you could live for many more years. Billions of dollars are spent on solutions to the problem of aging and death. But will they really prove efficacious? Let's say you could extend your life by 20 years or even 50 years. You're still going to die. And let's say that you could somehow extend your life to 1,000 years or even 10,000 years. Those numbers are a vapor in light of eternity, just like 70 or 80 years are mere blips in light of eternity. And beyond that, we know that at some point our universe will be subject to the laws of entropy, and it will either implode or burn out. Even a million years is a flash in light of eternity. Reality is that we human beings will one day die. And the question we should ask as followers of Christ is this: How do we live well in light of eternity? John tells us how in this passage.

1. Present

1 John 2:28-29; 1 Thess. 2:19

2. Future

1 John 3:1-3

3. Back to Present

1 John 3:4-10

4. Idea

5. Takeaways