Transcending Time

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INTRODUCTION

- So God is eternal, he had no beginning, he will have no end.
- The whole idea of time is something that God created.
- God doesn't need a time machine, and God's not a fortune teller. God knows what's going to happen because he's already seen it.

1 His Promises of the Future Are Sure

Acts 17:30–31; 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10

- If God's not constrained by time, his promises of what's yet to happen in the future are sure. We know that they're going to happen. Because he's already seen them.
- God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because he has fixed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness through a man he's appointed.
- Not only is he fixed a day, he's already seen it happen.
- Time doesn't have any meaning to God. He created it.
- The Lord is not slow about his promises, some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

2 God Has Always Known His Children

Revelation 13:8; Romans 8:28–30; Ephesians 1:3–13

- How can our names be written or not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world? Well, that's not a problem for one who can see the end from the beginning.
- All that means is knowing beforehand, knowing ahead of time. And it does not mean the same thing as to predestine or foreordain.
- God's sovereignty, man's free will, and God's foreknowledge can all coexist.
- Before the foundation of the world, God saw those who would be made holy and blameless through his son. He didn't force that on anybody.
- Those who are predestined are foreknown by God, but just because God foreknew them does not predestine them.
- It should be a great comfort to those who do obey an assurance that God knows and has always known his children.

3 God Has Prepared for His Children From the Beginning

Matthew 25:34

- Just as God has known his children from the beginning, I would say God is prepared for his children from the beginning.

- Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- Not only has he known his children, he's prepared this indescribable inheritance before time even began.

4 God Sees Us for Who We Will Ultimately Be

1 Corinthians 15:51–58; Romans 8:31–39

- God doesn't just see us for who we are right now. I think he sees us for who we will ultimately be.
- Jesus began a good work to you, and he's perfecting it, getting you ready for that day.
- The dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must put on imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.
- Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, not even time itself, can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

If anyone wants to come forward to become a child of God, to put Christ on in baptism, to be sprinkled with his blood, so that you can have this amazing comfort and this amazing assurance.

MY NOTES