

The End of the World as We Know It

“Why This Matters”

Why does it matter to know how the world ends?

1. When the world ends, I will **give an account** to God for how I **lived my life**.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:10-12 (NLT)

Why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For the Scriptures say, " 'As surely as I live,' says the LORD, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God. ' " ¹² Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

- Make sure I'm on the **reward side** of judgment!

2. The way the world ends should affect the way I **live now**.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (NLT)

No one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have-- Jesus Christ. ¹² Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a

variety of materials-- gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴ If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

- Invest in things that have **eternal value**.

1 John 4:17 (NLT)

As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- I will make sure I'm on the reward side of judgment by praying the prayer to become a Christ-follower today.
- I will eliminate one thing in my life that has no eternal value:

- I will add one thing into my life that has eternal value:

- I will attend the FX Concert tonight with my family at 4:00 PM
- Sign me up for a Summer Small Group
CODE: _____
- I will memorize 1 John 4:17 (NLT):
As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.
- I will come to the rest of the End of the World as We Know It series.