

# The Eternal State

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 1:1-12.

B. There are four distinctive that make a Christian special.

## II. We belong to a special family.

A. We are "born again," which carries the idea with it of change.

B. The whole Trinity is involved in our transformation.

1. We were chosen by the Father. (Acts 2:23)

2. We were sanctified by the Spirit through faith. (1 Peter 1:22-23, 2 Thessalonians 2:13)

3. We are cleansed by the death of Jesus Christ.

## III. We have a special future.

A. Our hope is a living hope because Christ is alive.

B. Our hope is a lasting hope. It is reserved in heaven for us.

## IV. We have a special faith.

A. We all have faith.

B. We have been given a faith that can be trusted.

C. We are kept by the power of God because he has something marvelous in the future.

D. Our faith is special because it can be tested.

## V. We enjoy a special fellowship.

A. A person's elite position may be known by the company he keeps.

B. The prophets of the Old Testament were working for New Testament believers.

C. The angels watch us and work for us. (Ephesians 3:10)

**Application questions:**

1. What are some ways that people try to find meaning apart from Christ?

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2. Which distinctive of the believer do you find most meaningful personally? Explain.

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3. What should our response be to the knowledge that we are part of God's elite? Explain.

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