

Past, Present & Future

The Past, Present and Future cannot be separated from one another. They are inextricably intertwined.

The Paradox of the Past

We must both remember and forget.

Remember:

Heritage

Failures

God's Blessings

Our Commitments

Forget

Sins and Failures

Hurts and Wounds

Forgetting involves forgiveness and acknowledgement of lack of control.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

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The Presence and Promise of the Future

What we believe about the future will determine how we act in the present.

Do we believe that God controls the future?

Do we believe in the Temporal or the Eternal?

The Practice of the Present

The present must be more controlled by the future than by the past.

What action do you need to take:

Today or Tomorrow

This Week, Month or Year

Based on what you believe about the future and your confidence in God.

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Scriptures

Past

2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

1 Corinthians 11:28

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Ephesians 2:10-13

Ephesians 5:8-10

Psalm 15:4

Psalm 65:1

Proverbs 20:25

Psalm 103:12

Psalm 147:3

Future

Hebrews 13:14

Matthew 4:17

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 13:45-46

Philippians 3:7-11 1

Timothy 6:17-19

Ephesians 5:15-17

Hebrews 11:13

1 Peter 1:17-19

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Galatians 6:9-10

Present

Ephesians 2:19-22

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Matthew 6:33-34

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