<u>Jesus: From Eternity Past to Eternity Future</u> (Hebrews 13:8)

This past week our children have been in VBS. The theme was: *Time Lab: Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future*. They have learned some amazing truths that would turn all of our lives upside down and right side up IF we would truly learn them, know them, and live them! So, we're going to look at these truths that our children have studied this week!

I. Jesus Before and at Creation

Jesus is the Eternal Son of God. From eternity past He has been and is the Son of God, God the Son, the Creator of all!

- A. The Eternal Triune Creator (Genesis 1:26)
- B. He was with God and was God (John 1:1-3, 14, 17)
- C. The Preeminence of Christ (Colossians 1:15-17)
 - 1. He is the Revelation of God! (v.15)
 - 2. He is Supreme Over All Creation (v. 15) He gives 4 reasons:
 - a) Because He is the Creator (v. 16)
 - b) Because He is the Goal of Creation (v. 16)
 - c) Because He is Eternal (v. 17)
 - d) Because He is the Sustainer of Creation (v. 17)

II. Jesus in the Old Testament

Every time you see God appearing to someone in the Old Testament, you can know that Jesus was there! Because Jesus said that the Father and He are one!

A. Examples of Theophanies/Christophanies in the Old Testament: Genesis 12: 7-9; Genesis 18; Genesis 32: 22-30

B. Jesus in Every Book of the Bible! (Luke 24:13-35)

III. Jesus in the New Testament

We see in this section who Jesus is and what He did!

- A. Who He is: fully God and fully man the Eternal God-Man! (Titus 2:13, John 20:28, Luke 3:22, 1 John 4:2, Luke 2:7, Hebrews 4:15, etc.)
- B. What He did: paid the price for our sin so that we could be saved! He was born to die! (Matthew 1:21, Hebrews 10:5-7, John 3:16, Luke 19:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

IV. Jesus Now

- A. Jesus is working through His followers by the power of His Spirit to make disciples of all the nations! (Acts 1:8)
- B. Jesus is preparing a place for His own! (John 14:2-3)

V. Jesus in the Future

Revelation 21-22 gives us a picture of the New Heaven and the New Earth, the New Jerusalem, and the River of Life. (Revelation 21:23) Jesus is exalted forever as Lord, to the glory of God! (Philippians 2:10-11) We also see God's invitation to all who will hear and believe! (Revelation 22:17)

Conclusion. Jesus is the Eternal Son of God who is central to all of God's Word and is the Savior of *All* who will call upon Him as Lord! He offers to you the free gift of eternal life and a love-relationship that lasts forever! Turn and give your life to Him, and He will forgive your sin and make you His child forever!