

# Forever

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As I was placing some stamps on the bills, I noticed that it stated “forever” on them. I thought how trite it was that these little sticky pieces of colored paper could be thought of as forever. Certainly they are soon destined to be inked over with a postmark and carelessly tossed into the trash as the envelopes are ripped open.

How temporary things are that we carelessly call forever. We think of sports records – how can anyone break that? Yet, in a few years someone has run faster, hit more home runs, or scored more goals. Monuments, skyscrapers, empires – none are forever.

## **But what is forever?**

The Bible tells us that God loves us forever.

He forgets our sins forever and His salvation is forever.

We are to live with Him forever.

We will sing of His love and praise His name forever.

God's throne is forever and He will reign in Righteousness forever.

His glorious name shall endure forever.

His mercy endures forever.

God's Holy Word and enduring Truth are forever.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*“For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever! Amen.”*