

# TWO WAYS TO LIVE IN ECCLESIASTES



## God is the Creator

God is “the Maker of all things” (Ecclesiastes 11:5), and “your Creator” (Ecc 12:1). “He has made everything beautiful in its time” (Ecc 3:11) and in particular, “God made mankind upright” (Ecc 7:29).



## Humans have rebelled against the Creator

Although God made mankind upright, “people have gone in search of many schemes” (Ecc 7:29). Such that “there is not a righteous person on earth who does what is right and never sins” (Ecc 7:20)



## God will judge rebels

Because all have sinned, God has brought death into the world (Ecc 9). “For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil” (Ecc 12:14)



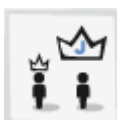
## Jesus died in the place of rebels

Because of God’s incredible love for us, he came into the world in the form of a man – JESUS. Jesus was different from us in that he never sinned and so when he died on the cross, he took our judgment upon himself. Here’s how the Bible puts it: “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” (1 Peter 3:18).



## Jesus brings hope beyond the grave

Jesus didn’t stay dead, after three days he rose again. God has now “set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man (Jesus) he has appointed” (Acts 17:31). There is hope beyond the grave for those who trust in Jesus: “In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3).



## Your way or God’s way

We are left with a choice. We can continue to live our own way, or we can acknowledge our Creator (Ecc 12:1). If we keep living our own way, we will get the judgment we deserve. If we trust in Jesus’ death + resurrection, we will have eternal life and relationship with our Creator. “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him” (John 3:36).