



Reality

Text: Ecclesiastes 9:8-11

Reality - The state of the world as it really is rather than as you might want it to be.

I. Reality based shows

A. Big brother 2000

1. 10 people put together in one house for about 90 days
 - a. This is crazy, not reality

B. Survivor

1. 16 people together on a island to see who will be the last one
2. Someone was asked if they were going to watch Survivor or the GOP political convention. They responded that they would probably watch Survivor, at least it is suppose to be based on reality.

II. **Virtual reality** - A hypothetical three-dimensional visual world created by a computer; user wears special goggles and fiber optic gloves etc., and can enter and move about in this world and interact with objects as if inside it

III. **Hollywood reality** - This idea is to sell what we wish life was all about, a world so much different then reality. Macho men, model women, unreal ability, perfect endings.

IV. In this life

Ecclesiastes 9:8-11

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. ⁹Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion **in *this* life**, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. ¹⁰Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

¹¹I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

V. Our only hope

I Corinthians 15:19-28

If **in *this* life** only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. ²⁰But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. ²⁴Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. ²⁸And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.