

Eternal Life
John 17:1-5
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Eternal life is going to heaven when we die. What will that be like?

What was the fellowship that the Triune God enjoyed before the foundation of the world?

Shekinah - what does it mean? Glory. Yes, but ...

What could possibly fill and satisfy the human heart?

So, what is eternal life?

What does it mean to glorify?

Resounding Glory v. 1

How does the Cross bring glory?

The Cross is the grand demonstration of the Love of God.

To witness God’s resounding glory and become a part of it is eternal life.

If you want to know what God is like, look at the Cross.

The Purpose of the Authority of Jesus v. 2

Why was this authority and power given to Jesus?

“All whom You have given Him.” (John 6:37; 39; 10:27-29)

Those given to the Son - the elect, the people of God, the believing community.

The glory of God - nothing else will satisfy your heart! You were made for this!

The Definition of Eternal Life v. 3

To know the only true God and Jesus Christ.

Eternal life is to enter into the greatness, glory and goodness of God.

Do you know God like this? Do you stand in awe of Him?

How the Son Glorifies the Father v. 4

By doing His will, by fulfilling the mission, and saving His people.

Do you know why people don’t like church? They don’t know God.

How the Father Glorifies the Son v. 5

Jesus returns to the glory He had before the world existed.

Where is that glory? In God’s own presence.

The glory that existed with God before the worlds were made, is now available to us!!!

That is eternal life.

Meditation

Life Without Sin

Our new bodies will be imperishable, set free from even the possibility of death, and they will be cleansed of every hint of sin. “It is sown in dishonor,” Paul says; “it is raised in glory” (1 Corinthians 15:43). What does it mean that our bodies are sown in dishonor? It means we *all* like sheep have gone (and go) astray (Isaiah 53:6). It means none of us — no, not one — is without sin (1 John 1:8). It means we all, without exception, have fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). But one day, if you belong to Christ, you will be without sin. One day you will not fall short of the glory of God anymore. One day you will never go astray again.

“We long for the glorified body to come, and we glorify God with the one we have.” “When Christ Who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:4). We will not only be ourselves without the turmoil and consequences of sin, but we will be ourselves soaked in glory (Romans 9:23). Beholding glory, face to face, we will become glorious (2 Corinthians 3:18). We will radiantly reflect the power and loveliness of God like never before, and yet more and more into eternity.

Reflecting on this glory, C.S. Lewis writes, “It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest, most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship.” (*The Weight of Glory*, 45) Our glory, of course, will not ultimately be ours. But we will more than see the glory of God. We will experience His glory, becoming glorious with His glory.

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