

THE CONVERSATION AT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE ²

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 6

What is eternal life?

BIG IDEA: As we look at Jesus' relationship with his Father in this prayer, we are awakened more to who God is, and the relationship with him we now have in Jesus.

"Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you... ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began." **John 17:1, 4-5**

"glory has come to me through them." **John 17:10**

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me" **John 17:22-23**

1. The driving force in Jesus' life was **GLORIFYING** his Father.

- **Luminosity**—It shines. (Lk. 2:9; Mt. 17:2)
- **Weightiness**—the heaviness of a thing (Is. 6; Rev. 1:17)
- **Glory is a way of saying "essence"**—(Ex 33:18) To glorify is manifest the essence.
- To give someone glory is to **honor**, to **celebrate**, give **acclaim** and **praise** them.

"I have glorified you (manifested your brilliance and the weight of your essence) on earth by completing the work that you have given me to do." **John 17:4** LEB

"I have manifested you" **John 17:6** (1 Cor. 12:7)

The driving force of Jesus' life is his Father's glory. Manifesting his Father's luminous weightiness—showing his essence.

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." **Hebrews 1:3-4**

² For you have given him authority over all people that he would give eternal life to all those you have given him." **17:2**

2. Jesus has **AUTHORITY** from heaven to give life, and this is what biblical authority does.

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 20:25-28**

³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **John 17:3**

3. The Eternal Life Jesus gives is a **RELATIONSHIP** with his Father.

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." **1 John 5:11-12**

"A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness." **John 10:10** NCV

Do you know him?

Jesus says: "I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." **Revelation 3:20** NLT

(Darrell Johnson's influence and voice is on most of my thoughts here.)