

## WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

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**BIG IDEA:** Jesus prays the heart of God in our hearing so we can know his passion to glorify his Father and to give us eternal life.

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the moment has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you... <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me at your side with the glory I had there with you before the world existed.

Glory is <sup>1</sup> **luminescence**. (Mt. 17:2) <sup>2</sup> **weightiness**. (2 Cor. 4:17) <sup>3</sup> **splendor**. (Hag. 2:9) <sup>4</sup> **essential essence**.

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his essence” **Hebrews 1:3**

**1. Jesus and the Father are passionate about GLORIFYING each other and invite into that dance.**

“might *be* for the praise of his glory.” **Ephesians 1:12**

**Jesus EXISTED BEFORE the creation—having left his former glory to rescue us, and then returned to glory.**  
(Phil. 2)

<sup>1b</sup> Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you <sup>2</sup> just as you gave him authority over all flesh to give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

**2. Eternal life is a RELATIONSHIP, more than a destination—given exclusively by where eternity and heaven are released to us now** (continuing past death).

“I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me.” **Hosea 6:6 NLT**

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**3. Jesus brought glory to the Father by COMPLETING the assignment he was given.**

**Glory comes thru the cross.**

“We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” **Rom. 8:17**

**We bring Jesus glory by completing the WORK he’s given us to do.**

“We are Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” **2 Corinthians 5:20**