

Eternal Life is Knowing God

John 17

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:3, 24, NASB)

One of the last things Jesus did before Gethsemane was
to pray to His Father
for His disciples
in His disciples' presence.
As He did, what was on His heart?

He longed for the world to see Father and Son
in the full light of reality,
in all their greatness,
their beauty,
their magnificence, and
their love.

Why?

When we know and respond to God for all He is,
our world is put right again.
When God is thus glorified in our hearts and in our lives,
then our relationship with Him is put right, and
He is All-in-all in us.

Picture your heart and life
seeing and responding to God for all He is.
Picture your family and loved ones
seeing and responding to God for all He is.
Picture the Church and our world
seeing God for all He is and
responding in joyful faith.

That is why Jesus taught us to pray every day:
*Our Father in heaven,
may Your name be glorified and exalted,
may Your Kingdom come,
may Your will be done
on earth, just as it is in heaven.*
(Matthew 6:9-10, paraphrase)

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