

And This Is Eternal Life

John 17:1-13

John 17 is a prayer of Jesus, sometimes referred to as The High Priestly Prayer. He prays first for himself, then his disciples and then for all who will believe in him. Our focus today is on eternal life, which Jesus received authority from the Father to give. Many tend to think of eternal life as being forgiven, going to heaven, living forever and being reunited with loved ones. Jesus gives us a far deeper understanding: that you may know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he sent.

Grounded in the Glory of the Father and the Son

Absolute glory and holiness shared through eternity

Father gave His name (I AM) to the Son

Blessed with the Assurance of Our Status with God

Kept in the name of the Father and the Son

By believing (trusting) the words the Father gave to the Son

Drawn into an Indescribable Unity

Oneness with the Father and the Son (Expanded in verses 21-23)

Oneness with all believers

Given the Fullness of Joy

(Joy is used six times in Jesus' monologue in chapters 15-17)

Originating from Jesus and His unity with the Father

Fulfilled in us collectively