

Study Guide Notes

Our Study: John 17.1-3 – *Experiencing Eternal Life*

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Our Objective: Jesus's mission is to bring glory to God and to show how to experience eternal life now through knowing God and following Jesus Christ.

Points to Our Study: John 17.1-3

1. Jesus _____: v1

- Father the hour has come. (death on the cross)
- Glorify your Son – (reveal the Savior)
- That Your Son also may glorify you. (love and mercy)

Principle: God glorifies Jesus and Jesus glorifies the Father.

Partnership: God glorifies us in Christ (salvation) so that, through Christ, we may live to glorify God.

2. Father's _____: v2

- You have given Him authority over all flesh
- that He should **give eternal life** (those who come to Him)
- to many as God has **given Him** (sovereignty of God)

Reference: John 6.37

God the Father gives authority of salvation to the Son. The Son gives eternal life to those the Father gives Him. Salvation starts with the Father, is carried out by the Son, and results in **eternal life** for believers.

3. Life's _____: v3

- this is **eternal life**
- that they may **know** You
- only true **God** and **Jesus Christ** whom You sent

Reference: John 10.10, Luke 12.15

Eternal life is not just life without end but:

- God's life within us
- God's life shaping us
- God's life flowing through us

Application: To **know** about God and to know **God Himself**.

- a) Knowing **about God** – intellectual knowledge
 - Learning doctrines, stories, history, or theology
 - Understanding beliefs, rules, or moral teachings
 - Being able to explain who God is on paper

It's knowing facts about a person you've never met. Accurate and important but still distant and not a relationship.

- b) Knowing **God Himself** - this points to experiential knowledge that is transformative.

Experiential: It isn't just to ask, "What do I know about God? It's to ask, 'How is knowing God changing who I am?'

- Becoming like Him in character, values, and actions.
- Joining God in what He is already doing.
- Sensing His presence is with you by His Spirit.
- Desiring to seek Him through prayer, Scripture, and worship.
- Obeying God out of love, not obligation. John 14.15.

Takeaway: Our Study: John 17.1-3

1. *Knowing God* – eternal life is knowing the Father through following Jesus in a relationship that transforms us.
2. *Walking with God* – Our relationship is lived out based on our knowing God relationally.
3. *Partnering with God* – As Jesus did, we share in God's work, living to glorify Him by carrying out His purpose.

Study Questions:

1. Do my choices, attitudes, and actions point others to God?
2. Where do you place your confidence, your efforts, or Christ's work on the cross?
3. How can you deepen your relationship with God through prayer, Scripture, and obeying this week?