

That They Might Know Thee

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These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life
to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal,
that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 17:1-3

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Introduction:

1. This is the last night of our Lord's life before dying, Judas will shortly betray him to a Jewish mob.
2. The chapter falls between the Last Supper with eleven apostles (John 13) and Gethsemane (John 18).
3. His prayer here – for the eleven and you – is very different from His painful praying in Gethsemane.
4. Here is easily the most tender moment in the world's history before the world's greatest calamity.
5. If you want more about this glorious prayer of our Lord, a detailed exposition was preached ... [John 17 \(7 Sermons\)](#).
6. The other gospels have nothing like this extensive section in John's gospel of intimate, last words.
7. The prayer's opening explains His relationship to God, why He came, what He would do, and why.
8. To maximize the value of this sermon, neglect ordinary details to grasp ten related jewels as a whole.
9. It is a shame we have emphasized verse two to the neglect of verse three due to refuting Arminians.
10. In limited time compared to the very detailed sermon exposition linked above, let us exalt ten jewels.

- 1. He lifted up His eyes to heaven.*
- 2. He addressed God as His Father.*
- 3. He identified an event as present.*
- 4. He asked the Father to glorify Him.*

5. *He in turn promised to glorify God.*
6. *His role included great authority.*
7. *He would give eternal life to men.*
8. *He would give it to God's chosen.*
9. *Eternal life is to know God better.*
10. *Eternal life is to know Jesus better.*

He Lifted Up His Eyes to Heaven

1. He is our heavenly Father; though He fills heaven and earth, He is preeminently there.
 1. Jehovah fills heaven and earth, but His seat, throne, glory are above (Jer 23:23-24).
 2. God is so connected to heaven that Jesus forbade swearing by heaven (Matt 5:34).
 3. Nations have gods on this earthly level, but our God is in the heavens (Ps 115:3).
2. Jesus had come down from heaven and said so (John 3:13; 6:33,38,41-42,50-51,58).
 1. The first point of the great mystery of godliness is His incarnation (I Tim 3:16).
 2. We love His resurrection and ascension, but it proves His descension (Eph 4:8-10).
 3. He challenged unbelieving hearers that ascension would not help them (John 6:62).
3. Jesus had lifted His eyes to the Father in heaven a little time before this (John 11:41).
4. Jesus no longer lifts up eyes to heaven; He is in heaven on a throne beside His Father.

He Addressed God As His Father

1. Jesus as the Son of God with a unique filial relationship to God is emphasized in John.
 1. The word *father* is used 111 times in this gospel, almost always for God the Father.
 2. Matthew (55), Mark (18), and Luke (40) match it together, but for other fathers.
2. Jesus, closer to God than any other, used the title *Father* six times in this short prayer.
 1. The most important fact of the gospel is that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God.
 2. He would address God as His *Father* twice from the cross – forgiveness and spirit.
 3. This filial relationship and title defined Him as the Son and it defines us as sons.
3. Jesus used the emphatic compound *Abba, Father* later in Gethsemane (Mark 14:36).
 1. **Abba.** Aramaic, Chaldean, Hebrew, and/or Syrian transliterated word for
 2. Paul by the Spirit used this form for our adoption as sons (Romans 8:15; Gal 4:6).
 3. Noting our Lord Christ's circumstances, we see His great affection and total trust.
4. The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father (John 3:35; 5:20-23; 10:15).
 1. This filial relationship is a significant part of the drama – God with a human Son.
 2. Praying in Jesus' name claims this affection for leverage in prayer (John 16:23-27).
5. Never before was a priest the very Son of God or a lawyer the very Son of the Judge.

6. God as our *Father* is the filial relationship for the basis of prayer (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6).
 1. Jesus had taught this form of address in the outline prayer for disciples (Matt 6:9).
 2. He had explained the nature of the relationship and confidence by it (Matt 7:7-11).

He Identified an Event As Present

1. The hour had come – a short time for the greatest events in the universe – had come.
 1. The universe exists for the display of God's glory through Jesus' death in 30 A.D.
 2. Jesus had clearly identified this hour six or less days earlier (John 12:23-33,23,27).
 3. It was not *an hour* – it was *the hour*. There had never been any hour quite like it.
 4. For extensive details of the far-ranging prophecies of our Lord in John 12 ... [The Gospel of John Chapter 12 \(17 Sermons\)](#).
2. The hour is more than sixty minutes – it is an imminent short period of the next hours.
 1. Without any doubt the focus is on our Lord's arrest, trial, torture, and crucifixion.
 2. But the related events and effect of His crucifixion extend far beyond the next day.
 3. There is a direct connection to the great mystery of godliness events (I Tim 3:16).
3. The time for our Lord Jesus Christ's ultimate work, He had long known, had arrived.
 1. Jesus knew during His life what He must do, and He did not avoid it (Luke 9:51).
 2. John wrote of our Lord's hour several ways (Jn 7:30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 13:1; 16:32).
 3. The hour that arrived was for His enemies and the power of darkness (Luke 22:53).
 4. He prepared for it; He faced it boldly; He finished it perfectly; He obtained the joy.
4. The hour that had arrived in world history and in the life of Jesus was incomparable.
 1. There were geological (earthquake) and astronomical (sun darkened) phenomena.
 2. Religious changes – Jew's temple veil and Roman centurion testimony – occurred.
 3. War commenced in heaven between Michael and angels versus Satan and angels.
 4. Spoils of victory due to this victorious hour included the Holy Spirit for Pentecost.
 5. The visible and earthly results of the hour included Gentile conversions worldwide.

He Asked the Father to Glorify Him

1. The reciprocal glory of God the Father and Jesus is key to them and should be to us.
 1. The whole drama of this universe is their reciprocal glory with us as beneficiaries.
 2. Jesus will shortly expand on this introductory summary about glory (John 17:4-5).
 3. Jesus had expanded on this theme of His life earlier (Jn 11:4,40; 12:28; 13:31-32).
2. Jesus already had glory bestowed on Him as the only begotten Son of God (Jn 1:14).
 1. His birth had been announced by the angelic host in sublime terms (Luke 2:8-20).
 2. God had glorified Him at 12 by astonishing doctors in Jerusalem (Luke 2:46-47).
 3. His Father had gloriously spoken from heaven at His baptism (Matthew 3:13-17).

4. His Father had gloriously clothed Him with majesty in a mount (Matthew 17:1-9).
 5. His Father had gloriously thundered from heaven just a week earlier (Jn 12:27-30).
 6. There were angels descending and ascending from the Father to Jesus (Jn 1:49-51).
 7. All Jesus said and did was glorious and by His Father (Jn 3:27; 5:19,30; 8:28,54).
3. God had glorified Himself through Jesus and promised to do so again (Jn 12:27-33).
 4. But Jesus had much more in mind – He needed God to honor Him in arrest and death.
 1. Jesus prayed God’s glorious favor on all He did so He might greatly glorify God.
 2. The ultimate purpose and challenge of His life was to die for the sins of His elect.
 3. He wanted to perfectly fulfill God’s plan for His life and death by His assistance.
 4. So sure was God’s glorifying of Jesus that Jesus referred to it as past (Jn 13:31-32).
 5. The request for greater glory included His ascension and coronation (Heb 2:5-9).
 6. Remember that Jesus knew what was in store for Him for His death (Heb 12:1-3).
 7. Jesus had grown in favor with God and men; here He sought God’s fullest honor.
 8. He asked the Father to show the world that He was His Son in the next 24 hours.
 5. God did glorify His Son Jesus in His words and actions by tremendous divine glory.
 1. God sent an angel from heaven to strengthen Him in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).
 2. He went to meet the angry mob; He took Judas’s treachery perfectly (John 18:4).
 3. He did not threaten His captors and tormentors at all but fulfilled sheep scriptures.
 4. In the Garden of Gethsemane, His “I am he” threw them to the ground (Jn 18:5-7).
 5. Pilate’s wife had a dream that she told him about and asked him to avoid the trial.
 6. Pilate himself was convicted against the Jews to identify Jesus as King of the Jews.
 7. On the way to Calvary, Jesus still preached and prophesied to the weeping women.
 8. God moved one cursing thief to confess Jesus as Lord and beg for heavenly mercy.
 9. After blocking out the sun, God sent an earthquake and rent the temple veil in two.
 10. The earthquake opened graves; the dead rose at His resurrection to enter the city.
 11. God moved the centurion responsible for the crucifixion to confess the Son of God.
 12. God moved Judas to declare Jesus innocent by all the betrayal money and his life.
 13. God arranged for numerous prophecies to be fulfilled by His death and His burial.
 14. He proved Himself alive by many infallible proofs for forty days (Acts 1:3; 10:41).
 15. God raised Him from the dead, carried Him into heaven, and crowned Him there.
 16. The gospel took Jesus’ name to the world and turned its religions upside down.

He in Turn Promised to Glorify God

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2. Jesus will shortly expand on this introductory summary about glory (John 17:4-5).
3. Jesus had expanded on this theme of His life earlier (Jn 11:4,40; 12:28; 13:31-32).
2. Jesus of Nazareth's purpose in life, death, and life was always the glory of the Father.
 1. It was Jesus' meat to do the will of God and to finish God's work (Jn 4:34; 6:38).
 2. He diligently used every hour of light and time awake to work (John 9:4; 11:9-10).
3. Let it be true of each hearer and reader, for this is why you exist (Pr 16:4; Rev 4:11).
 1. When you ask God for anything, let it be for the purpose of glorifying God better.
 2. When David had finished his obligations as king, he wanted to build God a house.
4. Salvation is surely the key consideration here by the following four connected verses.
 1. Verse one is further explained and enhanced by the following plans and purposes.
 2. Giving eternal life for men to know God certainly has God's glory as the objective.
 3. Not only did Jesus pray for you, believing reader (John 17:20-24), He died for you.
 4. The whole universe exists for the glory of God through salvation and damnation.
 5. The greatest display of God's goodness and vengeance is judging angels and men.
5. This is exactly what occurred – there was no possibility His prayer was not answered.
 1. God glorified Jesus (as noted above), and Jesus in turn brought great glory to God.
 2. Jesus by voluntary death on the cross fulfilled the law, truth, and promises of God.
 3. He showed faith in God unprecedented in the world on trial, on the cross, at death.
 4. He satisfied the righteous and holy demands of God as Judge for salvation for men.
 5. By His resurrection and commission of the apostles, the world heard God's glory.
 6. The whole world had been dark in idolatry, but many repented and turned to God.
 7. This is the great mystery of godliness – resulting from Jesus' death (I Tim 3:16).
 8. Only one nation knew Jehovah, but now all nations knew of Jehovah and His Son.
 9. Never forget the reciprocal glory of God and His Son by their deeds for each other.

His Role Included Great Authority

1. God our Father and His Son Jesus are glorified by Their respective roles in salvation.
 1. As. In consideration of, the fact that; it being the case that; inasmuch as; since.
 2. God and Jesus glorified each other by the fabulous wisdom and power of salvation.
 3. Eternal life and adoption of human sinners as sons by God's choice is great glory.
 4. The eternal destiny of angels and men, here men, shows God's infinite authority.
 5. The grandest event in the universe was God sending His Son to save rebel enemies.
 6. The next grandest event will be that Son sitting on His throne judging the universe.
 7. For a sermon series connecting Jesus dying on the cross to Judgment Day ... **The Cross at Judgment Day (2 Sermons).**

2. Here is a peek into heaven and the eternal counsel and decrees of the living Godhead.
 1. On this night outside with His apostles, Jesus revealed the plans of Almighty God.
 2. The whole universe exists for the dramatic display of God's sovereign authority.
 3. God did not create because He needed to – He created to display His infinite ways.
 4. Before He created, His eternal council and decrees determined all events of time.
 5. Before the world began ... He promised eternal life (Titus 1:2) ... purposed to save some by grace (II Tim 1:9) ... chose and predestinated some in Christ (Eph 1:4) ... foreordained Jesus to die (I Peter 1:20) ... wrote His elect in the book of life (Rev 17:8) ... prepared a heavenly kingdom for us (Matt 25:34) ... planned to save many Gentiles (Acts 15:18) ... chose to save us to believe truth (II Thess 2:13).
 6. For more about what God planned and purposed before the world began ... **Before the World Began.**
 7. His prayer was not directly teaching soteriology but confessing the obvious to God.
3. This is the Lord Jesus we worship, unlike another Jesus adored by Rome and heretics.
 1. Paul feared that Corinth would accept preachers with another Jesus (II Cor 11:3-4).
 2. Rome promotes her fairy fraud in a manger and on a crucifix with a bleeding heart.
 3. Muslims say Jesus was a prophet less than Mohamed and he did not die on a cross.
 4. Arminians love their longhaired beggar at a door in a garden unable to gain access.
 5. Despise this blasphemous, Roman Catholic caricature of the Son of God ... **Revelation 3:20 Reclaimed.**
4. Before He ascended, Jesus told the eleven that He had all power in heaven and earth.
 1. On the basis of this authority and victory, they could preach to Gentiles worldwide.
 2. They could cast out devils and turn men from Satan to God by His glorious power.
 3. Jesus had told Peter that they would breach the gates of hell in converting Gentiles.
 4. The great mystery of godliness goes from incarnation to conversions (I Tim 3:16).
 5. He had taught earlier in this final week of all He would accomplish (Jn 12:31-33).
 6. The devils knew Jesus and His great authority on earth and ascended (Acts 19:15).
5. God gave authority to Jesus Christ over all the rational creatures of the human race.
 1. Power here is authority (Jn 19:10; Rom 13:1-3; I Cor 7:4; 9:4-6; II Tim 3:5; etc.).
 2. Flesh here is mankind, obviously excluding angel spirits, and all irrational animals.
 3. God saving animals and/or taking them to heaven is absurd heresy (Ec 3:21; 12:7).
 4. Jesus created all things without any exception (John 1:1-3; Eph 3:9; Hebrews 1:2).
 5. Jesus' authority to judge had been stated (Jn 3:35-36; 5:17-30; 6:37,44; 10:26-29).
 6. God made Jesus Christ the final, authoritative Judge over all men (Jn 5:22,26-27).
 7. Men will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, not some nebulous experience.
 8. Jesus Himself will curse angels and men into eternal torment (Matt 7:23; 25:41).
6. Do you grasp the unlimited authority Jesus has over every aspect of your existence?

1. First, He did not ask you if you wanted to exist, and you cannot turn off existing.
2. Second, He did not consult you about height, weight, looks, parents, country, county, generation, intelligence, coordination, health, vertical jump, neighbors, musical ability, schoolteachers, job openings, temperament, personality, etc., etc.
3. Third, and the obvious point here, far beyond the other two, is your eternal destiny.
4. When we say Jesus is our Lord and Saviour, do you fully understand these terms?

He Would Give Eternal Life to Men

1. Eternal life is by three gifts ... and the three gifts magnify God's sovereign authority.
 1. Note the three uses of the verb give used by the Spirit for three gifts of eternal life.
 2. God gave Jesus authority over all men for eternal destiny (Jn 5:17-30; Acts 10:42).
 3. Jesus Christ gives eternal life as a present to elect sheep (John 6:37-39; 10:26-28).
 4. God gave them to Jesus in electing grace (Jn 6:37-39; 10:29; Eph 1:3-6; II Ti 1:9).
 5. Do you fully grasp the extent of God's sovereign choice of every man's destiny?
 6. Do you see these three gifts well enough to realize there are no offers or options?
2. Foolish Arminians use the Romans Road to preach a conditional offer (Romans 6:23).
 1. Their ignorance, like painting John 3:16 on their eyelids, cannot comprehend a gift.
 2. They think that a gift must be received in order to be transferred, but that is insane.
 3. If a person is dead in bed, offering medicine is of no help; they must be given life.
 4. If a person is on death row, pardoning him extends his life no matter his response.
 5. If a will transfers an estate to a person, it does not affect title if they enjoy it or not.
 6. The only offer we read about is Jesus offering Himself to God (Heb 9:14,26, etc.).
 7. The only accepting we read of is God accepting sinners in the Beloved (Eph 1:6).
 8. If God offered life, no one would take it (Ps 14:1-3; Jn 5:39-40; 6:44; Rom 3:9-18).
 9. If God offered life, no one could take it (John 8:43,47; Romans 8:7-8; I Cor 2:14).
 10. A gospel offering eternal life by required conditions is works and puts God in debt
 11. A gospel offering eternal life could not save, for man cannot and will not comply.
3. The gift of eternal life is the greatest kindness you have ever known and at great cost.
 1. You deserve eternal death – you earned its wages, but a gift paid them (Rom 6:23).
 2. God that must destroy you for sins to be just gave you eternal life freely instead.
 3. By the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ, God is both just and Justifier.
 4. No wonder it is called the glorious gospel, for who can imagine such good news?

He Would Give It to God's Chosen

1. This is election and predestination – God chose and determined who would be saved.
 1. God gave specific sinners to Jesus Christ by election for Him to save by His death.

2. This is God's choice of who would be saved by assigning them to Jesus (Ep 1:3-6).
3. Their names were written in the book of life without any chance of loss (Rev 17:8).
4. These are the chosen, elect, and predestinated of God for eternal life (Rom 8:28-33; 9:11; 11:5,7,28; I Cor 1:27-31; I Thess 1:4; I Tim 2:10; I Pet 1:2; II Pet 1:10).
5. As many as is definite language – not one more will be saved; not one can be lost.
6. God as Potter made vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy from the same clay of humanity, and the vessels of mercy He appointed to riches of glory (Rom 9:22-24).
7. Paul preached the same selective salvation of sinners (II Thess 2:13; II Tim 1:9).
2. Jesus repeated God's choice and gift of men to Him to save (John 6:37; 10:29; 17:24).
 1. Jesus prayed only for those God gave Him, apostles and believers (John 17:9,20).
 2. He did not pray that any would believe, but He prayed for those that would believe.
 3. If Jesus died for those He would not pray for, there is then a contradiction in Him.
 4. Jesus prayed that election would cause us to know God and Him and to join them.
3. Further Bible consideration of the gifts and assignments of eternal life are glorious.
 1. God gave His elect by covenant to Christ to save before the world began (Rom 8:29-39; Eph 1:3-4; I Tim 1:9; John 6:37-39; 10:26-29; 17:2; Heb 2:13; I Pet 1:2).
 2. God gave His Son Jesus to die for their sins and arranged His death (Matt 20:28; John 10:11,17-18; 19:11; Gal 1:4; Eph 5:2,25; I Tim 2:6; Titus 2:14; I Pet 1:20).
 3. God gave eternal life in legal justification and vital regeneration, and He will yet give heaven based on names in the book of life (John 10:28-29; 17:2; Rom 3:24; 5:15,16,18; 8:32; I Cor 2:12; 15:57; Eph 2:8; II Pet 1:3; I John 5:11; Rev 13:8).
 4. There is not a chance even one of God's elect will not be eternally saved, for all shall be saved without loss of one (John 6:37-39; Rom 4:16; 8:28-39; Heb 2:13).
 5. Knowing God and faith in Christ are results of eternal life (John 17:3; Acts 13:48).
 6. Assurance of election and justification is good works (I Thess 1:2-4; II Pet 1:5-11).
 7. If you dislike His sovereignty, He rightly mocks you (Is 45:9-10; Rom 9:19-21).
 8. For detailed, extensive, Bible proof that eternal life is an unconditional gift ... [Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation](#).
 9. For comprehensive details relating the phases of salvation, the *ordo salutis* ... [Five Phases of Salvation: When Were You Saved?](#).
4. For many proofs that Jesus died only for the elect, thus limited atonement ... [Limited Atonement, Limited Atonement](#).
5. For Bible considerations about the fairness and truth of unconditional election ... [Limited Atonement](#).

Eternal Life Is to Know God Better

1. What does it mean? *This is life eternal ... that they might know thee*. Cause or effect?
 1. Eternal life is how God reveals Himself to sinners; knowing Him is the result of it.

2. **That.** Conjunction. Introducing a clause expressing purpose, end, aim, or desire.
 3. Compare the use of the conjunction *that* the Holy Spirit put in the first two verses.
 4. Most argue and teach that eternal life is obtained through knowing the true God.
 5. We understand eternal life is given in order for the elect to know Him and His Son.
 6. Therefore, our true interpretation of this verse is the opposite of Arminian heresy.
 7. Eternal life has a purpose – that they might know God – and Jesus accomplished it; all the Father gave Him to save, He will save them and reveal His Father to them.
 8. Man cannot know God apart from or before the bestowal of eternal life (Ps 14:1-3).
 9. The gift of eternal life, whether election, justification, regeneration, or conversion is traced back to God's will (John 1:13; 3:8; Acts 13:48; Rom 9:15-16; I John 5:1).
 10. The gift of eternal life – all of its phases – is traced forward to know God (John 1:10-13; Luke 10:22; Acts 16:14; Rom 1:17; Eph 1:11-14; I John 5:20).
2. If it were not God's sovereign gift of eternal life, we would not and thus could not know God or His Son (Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Matt 11:25-27; John 3:3; 6:44,65; Acts 16:14; Rom 3:9-18; I Cor 1:22-24; 2:14-16; 8:1-6; II Cor 4:1-7; Eph 4:17-19).
 1. By nature, man has various lies in his right hand and cannot see truth (Is 44:9-20).
 2. Creation gives bare intellectual knowledge, but joyful, loving faith is different; it is the intimate fellowship of Father to son and Jesus to brethren that are the goals.
 3. Paul's indictment of man ignores mere intellectual knowledge (Rom 1:18 – 3:20).
 3. Eternal life is for far more than intellectual knowledge of God without a relationship.
 1. Devils believe and tremble, so such intellectual knowledge is worthless (Jas 2:19).
 2. God wants us to know more of Him than mere existence (Heb 11:6; Eph 1:17-19).
 3. The knowledge of God should lead to great joy and power in life (II Peter 1:1-4).
 4. The gift of salvation includes adoption as sons in the family of God (I John 3:1-3).
 5. God loved His elect and saved them to love Him as Father (I Jn 4:19; Eph 5:1-2).
 6. God seeks fellowship and joy with obedient children (II Cor 6:14-18; I John 1:1-4).
 7. God adopted us for His glory, but we benefit by adoption to know God intimately.
 8. Let us pursue Him with all our might, and He will be found (Jer 29:13; James 4:8).
 9. Love them more, and they will love you more and will come to you (Jn 14:21-23).
 4. There are many gods in the world, but only one true and living God (I Cor 8:4-6).
 1. And true believers, the elect recipients of eternal life, know Him against all others.
 2. The gift of eternal life convinces men and reveals God at a very new level to them.
 3. The natural creation, providential mercy, conscience, and scripture declare Him.
 4. Until He kindly saves us by Jesus, we hate God and His things (Rom 1:30; 8:7-8).
 5. God as our *Father* is the filial relationship for the basis of prayer (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6).
 1. Jesus had taught this form of address in the outline prayer for disciples (Matt 6:9).

2. He had explained the nature of the relationship and confidence by it (Matt 7:7-11).
3. We use *Abba, Father* for we have more than bare knowledge; we have great love.
6. It is not a light or slight thing when we argue for Jehovah against the name Yahweh.
 1. The name God first emphasized to Moses is His memorial forever for us to know.
 2. For much more about our great God's singular and perpetual name Jehovah ... **A Name Above Every Name.**
7. For a detailed, extensive study of God's attributes that define and exalt Him ... **Knowing God.**

Eternal Life Is to Know Jesus Better

1. Giving eternal life for us to know God and His Son is the glorious goal of His drama.
 1. No man can believe in Jesus Christ without God drawing him (John 6:44-45,65), and the drawing necessary requires regeneration (I Cor 2:14; Eph 2:1-3; John 3:3).
 2. The Father and Son reveal each other to men (Matt 11:25-27; 16:13-17; I Jn 5:20).
 3. God adopted us for His glory, but we benefit by adoption to know Jesus intimately.
2. Jesus cannot be known by natural creation, providential mercy, or human conscience.
 1. He must be revealed by Spirit regeneration and hearing the gospel (Rom 10:8-18).
 2. Jesus as the Son of God is the main object of faith (Matt 11:25-27; 16:13-18; John 3:16-18,36; 6:66-69; 9:35-38; 10:34-36; 20:30-31; Acts 8:37; 9:20; Heb 1:1-9).
 3. God gave fabulous witnesses of His Son, but we must be born again (I Jn 5:1-13).
 4. Therefore, the Jews missed and killed their own Messiah, the Muslims think Jesus an inferior prophet to Mohamed, the Hindus have nothing for Him at all, etc., etc.
 5. Though the Jews had the scriptures, they missed its testimony of Jesus (John 5:39).
3. Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, was sent by God and came no other way.
 1. Ideas of Jesus other than God's Son with a divine mission are against eternal life.
 2. Eternal sonship versus incarnational sonship is a crucial distinction to be defended.
 3. If there is any subject we must be adamant about, it should be the identity of Jesus.
 4. For an introduction to the Christ heresies to destroy the knowledge of Jesus ... **The Christ Wars.**
4. If you believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God and you live for Him, celebrate!
 1. God and Jesus collaborated to give you eternal life so you could know them both.
 2. This is proof of eternal life by an incredible sovereign gift and resurrection power.
 3. We must not be content with our knowledge of Both, but seek more (Eph 1:17-19).
 4. God is able to reveal much more about Himself and His Son's love (Eph 3:14-19).
 5. Love them more, and they will love you more and will come to you (Jn 14:21-23).
5. For a detailed study of His glorious attributes and traits that make Him lovely ... **He Is Altogether Lovely (1998).**

Conclusion:

1. You were created for God's glory, and you should pursue it (Pr 16:4; Jer 29:13; Rev 4:11; Matt 5:16).
2. You should love these verses with the emphasis on verse three and meditate on ten jewels in them.
3. If you want more about this glorious prayer of our Lord, a detailed exposition was preached ... [John 17 \(7 Sermons\)](#).
4. If you want to learn what the Bible reveals about God and Christ, review the linked sermons below.

For Further Study:

1. Exposition of John 17 ... [John 17 \(7 Sermons\)](#).
2. [Knowing God](#) (His attributes).
3. He Is Altogether Lovely (Christ's attributes) ... [He Is Altogether Lovely \(1998\)](#).
4. [Eternal Life Is a Gift](#).
5. [Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation](#).
6. Five Phases of Salvation ... [Five Phases of Salvation: When Were You Saved?](#).
7. [Limited Atonement](#).
8. You Need a Lawyer ... [You Need a Lawyer \(2 Sermons\)](#).