



Eternal Life and the New Year

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JOHN 17:1-5

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1. Its source
2. What it's really about
3. What makes it glorious

Implications... for 2020 and beyond

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1. Its source: Jesus Christ (v.1-2)

a. Context:

- i. Chapter 3 – Jesus and Nicodemus
- ii. Chapter 4 – Woman at the well
- iii. Chapter 5 – Jesus claims He is from heaven
- iv. Chapter 6 – Jesus says, “I am the bread of life”
- v. Chapter 8 – Jesus claims to be God and the light of the world
- vi. Chapter 10 – Jesus claims to be the Good Shepherd and one with God
- vii. Chapter 11 – Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

b. Significance: Jesus is God

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2. **What it's really about: Knowing Jesus Christ (v.3)**

a. Meaning of "to know"

b. Personal knowledge of God

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2. What it's really about: Knowing Jesus Christ (v.3)
3. What makes it glorious: Jesus Christ (v.4-5)
 - a. Meaning of "glory"
 - b. Importance of Jesus' glory: 17:24-26

"²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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Implications... for 2020 and beyond

- Most important thing: Your relationship with God
- How you view this life and heaven
- How you approach God
- Outreach to non-believers
- Participation in church community
- Bible-reading and prayer
- Your identity as a Christian
- Obedience and growth as a Christian
- Jesus dying on the cross for you