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One Essence

“When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”
John 17:1-3

Eternal life is a **relationship**, not a **destination**.

Relationship with God is far **better** than anything this world has to offer.

Romans 8:35-39

Why is intimacy with God so important?

1. We were **created** for it.

“Then God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”
Genesis 1:26a

2. It keeps our **hearts** pure.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8

3. It produces **lasting** fruit.

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” John 15:8

4. It leads to **power** and **freedom**.

“Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20