



Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may  
have *life*

**The Hour Has Come**

John 17:1-5

What words might we “**unpack**” in today’s scripture?  
How can the “**text do the talking**” this morning?

- Jn. 17:1-5 Jesus spoke these things; and **lifting up His eyes to heaven**, He said, "Father, the **hour** has come; **glorify Your Son**, that the Son may **glorify You**,<sup>2</sup> even as You gave Him **authority** over all flesh, that to **all** whom **You have given Him**, He **may give** eternal life.<sup>3</sup> "This is **eternal life**, that they may **know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent.<sup>4</sup> "I **glorified You on the earth**, having **accomplished the work** which You have given Me to do.<sup>5</sup> "Now, Father, glorify Me **together with Yourself**, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was**. (NAU)



1. *The work is done. The hour has come. The cross is coming. Time to pray.*

- *V1 ... lifting up His eyes to heaven... "Father, the **hour has come**; glorify Your Son **so that** the Son may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> ..., **so that** to all whom You have given Him, **He may give eternal life**...<sup>4</sup> I glorified You on the earth **by accomplishing the work** which you have given me to do. <sup>5</sup> ... glorify Me together with Yourself..."*

*A. Accomplished. V4.*

*B. Purpose. John 12:27, 1 John 3:8, Rev 12:11*

*C. Process. Isaiah 53:5-7.*

*D. Prayer for his church.*



2. *The gift of eternal life is a “now” gift that keeps on giving (**death is not a requirement**).*

A. *What is “eternal life”?*

- *V2.... So that to all whom you have given Him, **He may give** eternal life... <sup>3</sup> "**This is eternal life**, that they **may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (NAU)*
- ***Gift.** V2*
- *to **know God.** V3*

B. *When received? **1 John 5:11-13**; Jn 1:4; 16:33; 10:10*

C. *How received? Jn 3:16; **Acts 2:38-39**; Eph 2:8-10*



- 1 Jn. 5:11-13 *And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.* <sup>12</sup> *He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.* <sup>13</sup> *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*
- Jn. 6:47 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. (NAU)*



Think of eternal life like riding a speed bike that you **never fall off**.  
**You give Jesus the controls**. The track you ride on is the **will of God**  
for your life, leading ultimately to the gates of Heaven.





3. *The gift of eternal life has **immeasurable** consequences to those who believe.*

- V1 “Father, the hour has come; **glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You**, ... <sup>2</sup> just as you gave Him **authority** over all mankind, so that **to all whom You** [the Father] **have given Him** [the Son], **He** [the Son] **may give eternal life...**

A. *Mutual glorification. V1.*

B. *Only those given. V2. Jn 6:39, 17:24; 6:44, **64-65**.*

C. *Gives **eternal life**. Jn 3:15, 3:18, 20:31*

- ***Avoids eternal damnation.** Matt 25:46, Rev 20:14, Mark 9:43-48; Matt 13:41-42.*



*THE VALUE OF THE RING IS REVEALED IN THE MUTUAL  
RESPONSE OF THE RECEIVERS. V5.*





- *Believers reveal the worth of the gift of life by our response to the Giver, Jesus Christ.*
- A. *Abiding. John 14:21, 23; 15:4-7*
- B. *Worship. Rev 5:9-10*
- C. *Community.*
  - *Jn. 17:2 “so that to **all whom You have given Him**, He may give eternal life.” (NAU)*
    - *Vine and branches. John 15*
    - *Shepherd to His sheep. John 10*
    - *First-born of many brethren. Rom 8:29*





- *Jesus prayed for community among believers in His final prayer that night.*
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  - *Vine and branches. John 15*
  - *Shepherd to His sheep. John 10*
  - *First-born of many brethren. **Rom 8:29***
- *Jn. 17:22-23 “The glory which You have given Me **I have given to them**, that **they may be one**, just as We are one;<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may be **perfected in unity**, so that **the world may know** that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (NAU)*
  - *1 Peter 1:2, John 6:44, 64-65*



## *Has the “hour” come for you, yet?*

1. To *believe* in Jesus?
2. To *change* “tracks”; get off your “track” and get on His?
3. To *trust Him, faith Him*, in an area of your life that you are struggling with?
4. To *answer His call upon your life* – by making service a “*calling*” instead of something you volunteer to do?

