
Glory

The glory of God, the dance of the Trinity

John 17:22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

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John 17:25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

John 17:26 "I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that ...

"...in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

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Giver of Glory that Produces Joy

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John 17:6 I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

John 17:8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

Joy

"Joy is the serious business of heaven."

-C.S. Lewis

John 17:13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."

■ Joy versus happiness

Happiness is entirely dependent on happy circumstances.

Joy can exist even when discouraged or suffering.

■ Happiness is generated externally.

Joy is generated internally.

Happiness is humanly-generated.

Joy is divinely-generated.

■ Happiness comes through an experience.

Joy is relational, both with God and people.

■ Happiness occurs because you are pleased.

Joy occurs because you bring pleasure to God and someone else.

Happy feelings are fleeting and must be re-done.

■ Joy occurs because of truth that anchors, and deep connection.

Oneness

Oneness, the joy of connecting deeply

John 17:11b "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that..."

■ *John 17:11b ... they may be one as we are one.*

■ *Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

■ *John 17:20b "...I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message ..."*

John 17:21 ...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

■ "...just as you are in Me and I am in You."
