

John: As I Have Loved You

Week 7: The Revelation of Eternal Life

Passage: John 3:16-36



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Our passage this week opens with one of the most familiar verses in the Bible. Pastor Dwain commented on the fact that this verse and many others that make up the foundation of our faith are so familiar that they are easy to pass over without it leaving an impact or seem dull. He shared a quote from Dorothy Sayers that stated it this way: **“if we think it dull it is because we either have never really read those amazing documents or have recited them so often and so mechanically as to have lost all sense of their meaning.”** *Does this describe you? If so, which of the two reasons “why” resonate with you more? If isn’t one of the two, is there a third reason? If it doesn’t describe you, how have you found ways to keep doctrine fresh?*

For many there is a challenge in grasping the truth of eternal life. At one point Pastor Dwain stated the following: *“We find the meaning in truth by imagining it.”* *What makes the truth of eternal life difficult to grasp? How would imagining it help to root its meaning deeper into our hearts and minds? Describe how you imagine eternal life.*

Two important points that Pastor Dwain shared about eternal life are the following:

- **Eternal life is a gift, not a personal achievement.**
- **Eternal Life is a lifestyle of relaxed intensity and pure joy.**

Where in the text are these two points drawn from? Why is scandalous that eternal life is a gift and not something that can be achieved? Who in the passage displays a lifestyle of relaxed intensity and a “complete” joy?

Close you time in prayer. Praise God for his deep love for us. Thank Him for making eternal life available to us by sending His son to show us the way. Ask Him to help you see in a fresh way the incredible truth that is found in the gospel and that he would help you dig a deep well of truth that would sustain you during times in the desert.