### What is eternal life

John 17:3 (KJV):

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

What is eternal life? We can't imagine eternal life then through God's presence.

Jesus says eternal life is that we might know God and Jesus Christ.

The word "know" (yada) is relational, intimate, and transformational.

Our sinful nature is so corrupt that we couldn't hear the voice of God and don't walk with Hum.

That's why the bible says to desire the gift of prophecy to understand the will of God and to show people that He is in the midst of us.

### The fall

#### Genesis 3:8-9 (KJV):

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

From the beginning God showed that he wanted to walk with us but sin separated us, since the beginning the goal of life was not heaven but a deep relationship with God through what Jesus did on the cross. The remarkable thing is that they recognized God who was walking. They hid, they were separated and they were disconnected. Sin disconnect us from God. Specially our walking with God and specially people living without God. We have a God that reaches out and gave us the way to his heart and that is what Jesus did on the cross. We have a new covenant, a new deal, the new arrangement.

# The goal of God

#### Genesis 5:24

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

This is and was God goal to have a relationship a partnership with us to walk with us. How does this looks practical, Jesus showed us everything in detail as he is the author and finisher of our faith. He showed how to live with the father by praying, the word and by revelation and by becoming a disciple.

# The explanation of eternal life

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# The price was paid

Isaiah 53:4-8 (KJV)

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,

so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation?

for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he

stricken.

God made it all possible through what Jesus did on the cross. Jesus took the penalty for us so we could have a relationship with him. Here the prophet potraid Jesus on the cross,

where he paid for our sins, so we could come back to God in a relationship.

Jesus was punished and rejected by God so we could be forgiven and accepted by God.

This is the gospel, the central message, the God who died for his people.

This same message Philip the evangelist used to show

### The gospel of philip

Acts 8:32-33 (KJV):

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip,

Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said,

How can I, except some man should guide me?

And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

Here Philip showed this man that this passage is about Jesus and that He is the son of God who takes away the sin of the world. He baptized him and lead him to Christ. Philip was someone who walked with God as the Spirit spoke to him and he obeyed.

# **Knowing God vs self righteousness**

Philippians 3:7–10 (KJV)

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:

for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Paul who showed us that knowing Christ was his main goal and that his own righteousness couldnt save him but faith what Jesus did on the cross. That we are justified by faith, Just if I have never sinned. Through his offer we have the true revelation which is God's maingoal throuh the bible.

God wants a relationship with us by faith through his word and above all with his spirit. Henoch had no bible, Abraham Isaac and Jabob didnt had a bible but they had a relationship with God. Jesus was for nothing on that cross and he suffered for nothing if we are focused on our own selfrighteousness.

### Self righteousness God's pain

Luke 18:9-14 (KJV)

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Again here we can see that we can't have a relationship with God if we trust on our own righteousness and not on God's grace which is giving by accepting Jesus. So many people trust on their own self righteousness and also people from the Churches and normal people outside. Also it;s an pain in God's heart if people trust on their own righteousness otherwise Jesus was for nothing on that cross and he suffered for nothing.

# The promise of God's spirit restoration

Acts 2:17-18 (KJV)

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

This is why Jesus died so we could have a living relationship with God.

This text that we all will do this not on the sons or daughters but on all people that believe and accepted Jesus. He paid the penalty on this cross, that's the main message of the bible of our salvation. We can ask God for more dreams, more visions and prophecies as this is Gods way to speak through us and he is still doing this. Who dreams, who wants dreams,

who prophesies and can hear God's voice in his heart. That's God's will to walk with us, not we only pray but God talks to us through his word but also through his spirit. That's

#### Walk with Jesus

Mark 3:14-15 (KJV)

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

When Jesus came and chose the twelve the first thing was to be with him. To walk with him. The maingoal was here again relationship and out of that ministries began. But above all of that Jesus showed that he came to restore the relationship with God not to bring the disciples to heaven but to have a relationship with God through his spirit.

May we know that our life with God is not based on heaven but based on having a relationship with God through his son. Let us for all be grateful for the price Jesus paid and know that because of that we can have a taste of heaven but it's not about heaven it's about a relationship with God that's the eternal life.

That we might know HIM through his spirit through his son.

Practical tips when you walk your dog, sit at the table, Go in nature a quiet place, journaling, writing letters to God or from God. Singing dancing, let us invite God to a personal walk and relationship as that is the whole goal of God, The rest is not so important as this is the basic of life, this is eternal life