

GOOD NEWS FOR TOUGH TIMES



GOOD NEWS: SHARING LIFE WITH GOD

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To share in God's life is to participate in his mission.

■ 2 Peter 1:3-4

1. The Goal of the Gospel...

...to share in God's life.

- **2 Peter 1:4** - "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvellous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.
- **1 Peter 1:3** - "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead."
- Rebirth isn't something that happens at death, (like other religions), we have it now through Jesus. Jesus gives us a new life now.

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Jesus retained his own personhood while simultaneously merging that divine personhood with our humanity. This is a paradigm for our journey into God's love life. We will not be absorbed into God in a way that cancels out our humanity or our identity. Rather, we will be ourselves, but ourselves caught up in the love life of God: made complete, existing the way we were always meant to be.

— Bruxy Cavey, *Reunion* —

2. Sharing in the “Missio Dei”

Missio Dei - God's Mission

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** - "...And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."
- Becoming more like God is to embrace his mission for the world and partner with him in seeing it realized.
- How will you do that today?

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Here are some things to consider at home this week. Try them on your own or with those who are with you.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

John 17:20-23 - read it, ponder it, memorize it, meditate upon it.

A DAILY PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, may we all be one, just as you and Jesus are one—as you are in him, and he is in you. May we be in you so that the world will believe you sent Jesus, your Son. You have given us the glory you gave Jesus, so we may be one as you are one. Jesus is in us and you are in him. May we experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent Jesus and that you love us as much as you love him."

CONSIDER THIS (FOR CONVERSATION IF HELPFUL):

1. How does it feel to know that God wants you to share in his life?
2. Sharing in God's life means sharing in his mission. How can you partner with God to become good news for people this week? How can you participate in his mission?

**Give
it a try!**

Read *Reunion*, by Bruxy Cavey, Chapter 11: "God's Love Life."



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