

---

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 6/9/2019

John 17:24-26 – “The Heart of Jesus and Our Eternal Future” by Drew Hunter

### Overview

Jesus desires that we be with him, see his glory, and experience God’s love forever. He is committed to bringing these things about, which begin even in this life.

### Quotations

“The Triune God loves you more deeply than you know, and you’ll be finding that out forever.” Drew Hunter

“All the things there would not content our souls were he not there.” Thomas Goodwin, about heaven

### Understanding & Application

- 1) Consider the quote from Thomas Goodwin above. What is it about heaven that is most attractive to you? If heaven had all the comforts you can imagine but Jesus was not there, would you want to spend eternity there?
- 2) How high is your view of Jesus? Do you believe that beholding the fulness of his glory will dazzle us forever? What constitutes his glory?
- 3) It is *Jesus’s* desire that we be with him forever, not our desire that he grants. Does this change your view of him or your view of life now?
- 4) Drew suggested that the extent to which we desire eternal communion with God is shown by the extent to which we seek it now. How do you evaluate yourself in this light? How do we seek his presence, his glory, and his love? Consider reading John 17:3, 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6, and Romans 5:5.
- 5) Discuss Drew’s comment that our coming into right relationship with God through Christ in faith is more like a wedding ceremony than a business transaction.
- 6) How does it change your outlook to know that Jesus regards your future as a sacred trust received from the Father and is committed to bringing you into the fulness of eternal life?
- 7) Practice the seven questions below as a sort of miniature group catechism.
  - a. Who is God? *The Triune God of love.*
  - b. Where does our sense of love come from? *From the relational God of love himself.*
  - c. Who are you? *A human being made in the image of the Triune God to know him.*
  - d. What is salvation? *The Father’s setting his love on us and giving us to his Son.*
  - e. What is our future? *An eternal relationship of love with God.*
  - f. What should we want in life? *As much of knowing God and seeing his glory as we can have.*
  - g. What should a church be about? *Knowing the Triune God of love.*