

Jn 17:3 revisited

*Joh 16:27 For The Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I have come forth from union with God. (Syriac Peshita)*

Why is eternal life a relationship with Jesus and The Father and not The Holy Spirit? Or a relationship with only one of them?

It all goes back to when you obtained eternal life.

The Father drew you to Jesus and when you accepted who Jesus was you became an adopted son of His. This meant you became a step brother to His earthly Son Jesus who is now reigning over all things in heaven.

The Father has given all things to Jesus to rule so The Father cannot rule you. We become a citizen (representative of The Kingdom ruled by Jesus) serving our step brother out of love for Him and not fear of His retribution for any things we purposely do wrong (sin).

This is why The Father provides but Jesus administers it and we need to be guided by The Holy Spirit to properly use (be a good steward of) use what we have been given

He would go against the rule of Jesus if He was our lord. So He gives you to Jesus to look after for Him.

This is why there are only two relationships in Salvation. You cannot have salvation without both roles and in fact it is impossible really not to have both roles if you are saved.

The role of The Holy Spirit is to guide us in these relationships:

*Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

So we serve Jesus because we love The Father and believe in whom Jesus is:

*Joh 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.*

Our service to Jesus is out of love for a member of our family (The Family of God) and a result of our love for The Father and a desire to please Him.

These relationships and the love involved in them are the basis for Christianity as it is the foundation on which all we do and believe occurs.

This is why the Christian life is the expression of the love relationship we have with The Father and The Lord Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit.

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