If someone were to ask you, “What does it mean to be successful?” most people would probably answer:

> *“To have a good job, a decent income, and good health.” That’s a simple and understandable answer in the natural sense.*

But let’s now consider a deeper question in the spiritual realm:

> *What is eternal life?*

The Bible gives us a very clear and direct answer.

John 17:3 (ESV)

> *“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”*

So eternal life is found in knowing God and Jesus Christ.
This is not mere intellectual knowledge it is relational, spiritual, and transformative.

IS JESUS DIFFERENT FROM GOD?

Now, some people wonder: Is God different from Jesus?
The answer is No.
There is One God who reveals Himself in different manifestations not different gods or separate beings.

Here’s an illustration:
Someone can see you in person (live), or they can see your photo. Your photo and your physical presence are not two different people they’re different manifestations of the same person.

Similarly, Jesus is the full image of the invisible God. When we see Jesus, we are seeing God in His fullness.

Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

> *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all*

> *creation.”*

John 14:8-9 (ESV)

> *8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”*
> *9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

John 14:7 (ESV)

> *“If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

So we understand that to know Jesus is to know the Father because Jesus is the manifestation of God in the flesh.

JESUS IS THE REVELATION OF GOD

Jesus is not simply a prophet or a messenger He is God incarnate.
To reject Jesus is to reject God.
You cannot claim to know God while denying Jesus.

It’s like someone saying they know you, but they reject your photo they’re calling you a liar, because your photo is an expression of who you are.

In the same way:

1 John 5:10 (ESV)

> *“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.”*

If you deny Jesus, you’re denying the very testimony of God Himself.

YOU CANNOT KNOW GOD OUTSIDE OF JESUS

John 8:19 (ESV)

> *“They said to him therefore, ‘Where is your Father?’ Jesus answered, ‘You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.’”*

So today, eternal life is found in Jesus alone not in religion, not in good works, not in any other prophet or teacher. Jesus alone is the way to the Father.

Don’t try to know God outside of Christ it is a waste of time.
Don’t try to serve God outside of Christ it is futile.
Don’t seek eternal life apart from Jesus you’ll end up losing both your time and your soul.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR JESUS

If someone be it a prophet, an apostle, a pastor, or even a priest teaches that there is another way to Heaven apart from Jesus, run

away from them!

If anyone claims there are others who can perform the same work as Jesus whether saints, angels, or mystics reject that teaching immediately!

Jesus has no twin, no backup, no alternate route to God.
Some say, “Through saint so and so, we can get to God.”
But the truth is: Only Jesus reveals God.

1 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)

> *“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

> *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*

So unless we believe in Jesus as God manifest in the flesh, we do not have eternal life no matter how many good deeds we perform. Once you've heard the truth of who Jesus is and still reject Him, you are choosing spiritual death.

DO YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

So I ask you:

> *Do you have eternal life?*
> *Have you believed in Jesus Christ?*
> *Are you doing what He says?*

Jesus warned:

Luke 6:46–49 (ESV)

> *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?*
> *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:*
> *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the*

> *foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.*
> *But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”*

Believe in Jesus, and obey what He says.

That is the path to eternal life.

Maranatha!
The Lord is coming!

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