

The Night  
Before  
Christmas

THE HEIRLOOM  
EDITION

I. IN ETERNITY PAST, GOD EXPERIENCED IN  
COMMUNITY THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS GLORY.

Thanksgiving  
before  
Christmas



I. IN ETERNITY PAST, GOD EXPERIENCED IN  
COMMUNITY THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS GLORY.

A. God Exists in Community.



<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

-Genesis 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

-John 1:1-3

I. IN ETERNITY PAST, GOD EXPERIENCED IN COMMUNITY THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS GLORY.

A. God Exists in Community.

B. God Enjoyed His Glory.



<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed... <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

-John 17:5, 24





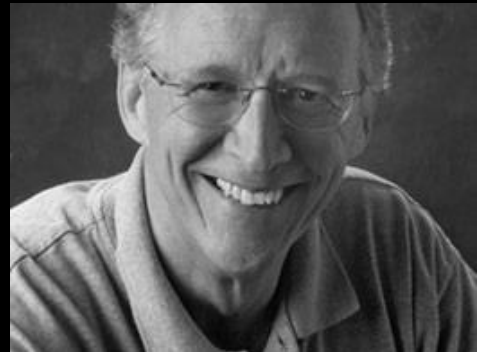
II. IN ETERNITY PAST, GOD EXTENDED TO  
CREATION THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS GLORY.

Isaiah 43:6-7



“We need to see first and foremost that God is God— that He is perfect and complete in Himself, that He is overflowingly happy in the eternal fellowship of the Trinity, and that He does not need us to complete His fullness and is not deficient without us. Rather, we are deficient without Him.”

John Piper



<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

Isaiah 43:6-7

II. IN ETERNITY PAST, GOD EXTENDED TO  
CREATION THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS GLORY.

A. To Reveal Glory to Them

Isaiah 43:6-7





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A. To Reveal Glory to Them

B. To Receive Glory from Them

Isaiah 43:6-7



“It isn’t that we *care less* about things down here—we still fervently desire close community, good children, and negative biopsies—it’s that we begin to *care more* about something else. Our greatest treasure, our chief blessing, our supreme passion, becomes God Himself. His glory assumes center stage. Communion with Him becomes our deepest joy.”

Larry Crabb





III. GOD IS EXALTED WHEN THE CHURCH  
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A. By Delighting in God's Glory

B. By Displaying God's Glory



<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

John 17:22



III. GOD IS EXALTED WHEN THE CHURCH ENJOYS HIS GLORY.

- A. By Delighting in God's Glory
- B. By Displaying God's Glory
- C. By Declaring God's Glory





“The highest motive for missions and evangelism is not obedience to the Great Commission, although obedience is required. Nor is the highest motive love for sinners, great as that love may be. The greatest motive for missions and evangelism is a passionate zeal for the glory of Jesus Christ. Worship of the living God is the fuel and goal of missions and evangelism.”

John Piper





**BIG IDEA:  
GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS GLORY.**

