

**Lord's Day 22b**  
**Life Everlasting**  
John 17:1-5

1. **The “Already” of Life Everlasting: Living in the In-Between Time (John 17:3)**
  
2. **The Perfection of Life Everlasting: Unimagined Blessedness (1 Corinthians 2:9)**
  - a. Mystery (What will it be like?)
  
  - b. Confidence (Beyond our imagination)
  
  - c. Imagine (What is most consistent with the biblical story? In what direction does God’s Word direct our longing and desire?)
  
  - d. Focus (The center that holds: God will set all things right.)
  
3. **The Character of Life Everlasting: Praising God (Revelation 5:6-14)**
  - a. On the one hand: broader than we think
  
  - b. On the other hand: exactly what it sounds like
  
4. **Living Toward Life Everlasting (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)**
  - a. We are freed from wringing every drop of meaning and pleasure from life as it is now.
  
  - b. Go to those places, and embrace those practices, that cultivate your longing for the future.
  
  - c. Cultivate and embrace a sense of homesickness. Every good thing is a reminder of what is missing. Every broken thing is a pointer to what will be.
  
  - d. Live as an outpost or colony of that future kingdom in the here and now.
  
  - e. Cling by faith to Isaiah 64:1-4.