



What is your life?

JAMES 4:14

“Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.”

Many people like to go fishing early in the morning. Occasionally a dense mist will be rising off the water. It's a very peaceful and quiet time. Sometimes you can hear fish splashing on the surface in the mist. It's a very special time to be a part of God's creation.

JAMES 4:14 explains that our lives are a lot like that fog: there for a short time, then gone. During some morning walks around Lake Corbett the mist can hang around quite a while. Yet other times when the sun comes up brightly and the wind picks up the mist vanishes quickly. Either way no mist lasts forever, and no life lasts forever. **JAMES** teaches, then, that in and of themselves our lives are ultimately short and insignificant. No matter how much money, power, fame, or accomplishments one achieves, everyone dies, and all that one possessed is left behind. So is your life doomed to this fleeting, trivial fate? By the grace of God, no! Though on your own you're insignificant, because of Jesus you're offered exaltation, ultimate glory, and even eternal life (John 17:3)! Jesus is God, yet he became a man. He gave his life on the cross to give you eternal life! When you put your faith in Jesus you will no longer be a vanishing mist but a child of God who will go on forever. (John 1:12-13).

Humbly consider how you can change your life from a fleeting mist to a significant, eternal life with God.

Please pray, **Jesus help me to find eternal life in you. Amen**

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