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The major distinction of the new life is in its quality.

John 12:25

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Two realities

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

What it means to be one with God

John 17:21-22

²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—

Oneness

Mark 3:14

¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach

¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.

What does it mean to be saved?

Fundamentally it means to be connected to God as a person. I am no longer my own god. Now, I am one with God. God is my provider, protector, and guide in my life. That's why we sense that God is real when we are saved.

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Salvation is what God does for us.

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."