

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"  
"Glorify God"  
John 17:1-5  
Part-58**

**John 17 has been called "Jesus' High Priestly Prayer."**

**4 Reasons Why This Prayer Is Great:**

- 1. The Prayer Is Great Because Jesus Prayed It:** The word "prayer" – verses 9, 15, 20, means "to request from an equal."
- 2. The Prayer Is Great Because Jesus Met Crisis With Prayer:** Jesus had just finished instructing His disciples – John 13-16.
- 3. The Prayer Is Great Because Of The Petitions:**

**There are 3 parts to this prayer:**

- 1. Verses 1-5 – Jesus Prays For Himself:** Glorify The Father.
- 2. Verses 6-19 – Jesus Prays For His Disciples:** Keep and Sanctify them.
- 3. Verses 20-26 – Jesus Prays For The Church:** Prayer for Unity.

**4. The Prayer Is Great Because Of The Victory It Brings:**

**"The Disciple's Prayer" – Matthew 6:9-13 – Jesus would never have to say: Matthew 6:12 – "And forgive us our debts,"**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** In All That We Do And All That We Are, May God Be Glorified In Us And Through Us.

- 1. Verses 1-3 – The Arrival Of The Hour**
- 2. Verses 4-5 – The Completion Of The Mission**

**1. Verses 1-3 – The Arrival Of The Hour:**

John 17:1 – "Jesus spoke these things;" – What are "these things"? The Upper Room Discourse – John 13-16 – Jesus has only a few hours left in His earthly ministry so... – John 16:26.

John 16:33

The term "World" is used 19X in this prayer.

The Heart Is The Key In The Posture Of Prayer: "lifting up His eyes to heaven,"

We Pray To The Father: "He said, 'Father,'" – This is a unique relationship. One that is equal. We must have a relationship with God. Matthew 6:9 – "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father'"

When we pray we need to address Him as "Father". Jesus did. Jesus said "Father" 4X – He called Him "Father" 2X; called Him "Holy Father" 1X; He called Him "Righteous Father" 1X.

We should pray to the Father in Jesus' name – No place in Scripture do we see a prayer offered to the Holy Spirit.

We Must Yield To The Father's Will: "the hour has come;" – John 2:4; 7:6, 30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1.

"glorify Your Son," – The word "glorify" is used 8X in this prayer. "Glorify" – means "to bring out, weigh out the hidden meaning, values and riches."

Hebrews 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

In Prayer, The Glory Of God Should Be Our Primary Goal: "that the Son may glorify You," – The word "that" – "Purpose clause indicates that Jesus' request was motivated by a desire to glorify the Father" – 1 Corinthians 10:31.

We Must Pray In Faith: "Son may glorify You"

God Was Glorified Through The Cross: The cross, the holiness of God, the love of God, God's hatred for sin – Justice of God condemning sin.

When we are weak, God is glorified – 2 Corinthians 12:9.

**Jesus prayed, "Father do this for Me that I might be able to do more for You!"**

John 17:2

The word "gave" is used 17X in this prayer. In the gospel of John, it is used 76X.

John 3:27

### **God Gave 3 Great Gifts:**

- 1. Father Gave Authority To The Son:** (Lordship) "even as You gave Him authority over all flesh," – Jesus allowed His captors to nail Him to the cross!

Notice the words "even as" – Jesus is equal in authority to the Father. The authority and the glory go together.

Matthew 7:22-23

Jesus Is Both Savior And Judge.

"over all flesh," – or "all flesh;" First mention of flesh – Genesis 6:12.

**2. Father Gave People To The Son:** "that to all whom You have given Him," – That we are gifts to Jesus from God the Father. This is what we call "Election" – That God calls people to salvation.

Jonah 2:9; Isaiah 55:6

**3. The Son Gives Eternal Life:** "He may give eternal life." – Jesus is the giver of eternal life – "Life" is used 36X in John's Gospel.

Romans 6:23

John 17:3

Nature Of Eternal Life Is Knowing The Father And Son: "This is eternal life, that they may know You," – (OT, Moses) Exodus 33:13.

(NT, Apostle Paul) Philippians 3:10 – "that I may know Him"

"may know You" – This word "know" is not speaking about facts. It speaks of "a personal, intimate knowledge"; present tense – a growing, vital, personal relationship; Not just awareness of certain facts.

2 Corinthians 13:5

John 14:6

"that they may know Thee (You)," – That is what a Christian is, one that knows God.

"the only true God," – John 5:44; 1 John 5:20.

"Jesus Christ" – (Monotheism) Jesus is the one and only God – Deuteronomy 6:4.

"whom You have sent." – John 17: 8, 18, 21, 23, 25.

John 5:40

## **2. Verses 4-5 – The Completion Of The Mission:**

John 17:4

Jesus Followed His Assigned Ministry: "I glorified You on the earth,"

Jesus Finished The Work: (Cross) "having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do." – The word "accomplished" – "to finish, completing" – John 19:30 – "It is finished"

John 17:5

Jesus' Work Was A Glorious Work: "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself,"

Jesus Existed As Eternal God: "with the glory which I had with You before the world was." – John has presented "The Seven I Am Statements."

Jesus Shared The Father's Glory: "which I had with You before the world was."

### **Application:**

1. True Prayer Is The Byproduct Of Our Personal Love Relationship With The Father.
2. Why Pray? We Pray Because God Has Ordained Prayer As The Way To Fulfill His Plan With Us And Through us. Obedience Is God's Way.
3. In Prayer The Glory Of God Should Be Our Primary Goal: Jesus prayed, "Father do this for Me that I might be able to do more for You!"
4. John 17:3 – "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." – Eternal Life Is Life By Knowing God, Which Is Not Just The Length Of Life But Really The Beginning Of Life.