

## John 17

### A Glorious Prayer

Theme: Jesus prays that God would have glory through him, so that God's people can have eternal life.

#### I. Context

- A. Jesus' last night (Ch13-16)
  - 1. Washing of feet
  - 2. Preparing his disciples
  - 3. Teachings of persecution and Holy Spirit
- B. Still to come
  - 1. Betrayal
  - 2. Crucifixion
- C. Jesus knows what will happen, so he prays

#### II. Text

##### A. John 17:1-5

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. **Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.** 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 **Now this is eternal life:** that they **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the **work** you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

One sentence summary: Jesus prays that God would have glory through him, so that God's people can have eternal life.

#### III. Glory

- A. Prayer starts with glory and ends with it
  - 1. V1 **Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you**

2. V24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

3. Starts and ends with something it's probably important

B. What is Jesus actually praying for? (what is glory?)

1. Glory in the Bible usually refers to God's complete character (being or presence)

2. Ezekiel 43:2

and I saw the **glory** of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his **glory**.

C. This is why context is so important

1. "Father, the hour has come

2. I need you to do what I have to do

3. Give me your glory, so i can give it back to you

5. How do you give God's glory back?

5. I didn't have to think too hard because Jesus elaborates

5. V4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the **work**

you gave me to do

C. The work of Christ?

1. Carpenter

2. Performed many miracles

3. Gave many teachings

4. Fulfilled OT prophecies (As Abnel taught)

5. All things that he did

D. He brought God glory through the all of these, not Because he did them

1. I did carpentry however I wasn't a carpenter of Christ

2. I've taught things that don't give God glory (I'd love to teach you how an engine works)

3. Jesus isn't bragging about what he's accomplished

4. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do

5. He's recognizing his work came from God

6. It is through doing God's work we bring him glory

2. Though Jesus' work he revealed God's character

3. It is because of Jesus we know what God is like

E. With Jesus as my example, how can I glorify God with my work?

1. Job, academic study, serving/ volunteering, being part of a family, chores

4. Anything we actively do, we should do for the glory of God

5. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

6. Jesus was sent with a mission, and so are you

7. His mission was to glorify God, and so is yours

5. How do I glorify God in my job or studies? By following God's will

6. By being a reflection of God's glory

7. This isn't a step by step process (like rebuilding an engine)

7. Glory comes in, I give it back out, that glorifies God

IV. God's will for Christ

A. Jesus is looking forward to the cross (brutal)

1. He **prays**

2. Give me your presence, father give me you

3. So I can follow your will

B. When I don't want to give my best at work, when I'd really rather spend all day watching tv, whenever I don't want to do whatever it is God has given me to do

1. Pray (it's what Jesus did)

2. Builds relationship with God

3. Through the relationship you learn and understand what he wants from you

4. As a teen me and my mom would butt heads a lot

5. Mostly because I was a rebellious button pusher, but really it was because we lacked relationship

6. Now that im less of a rebellious button pusher and I have a better relationship with my mom, I enjoy getting to talk with her, I enjoy doing the things she tells me to do

7. Very similarly to God

8. The more relationship grows, so does the desire to follow his will

9. Pray for God to give himself to you, in my experience he's pretty generous

## V. Eternal life

### A. Reread text

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

1. V2 Jesus' mission is to give eternal life
2. To who? (authority over all) (those who given (belong) to him)
3. V.3 What do you have to do to get eternal life? (know)
4. Not just head knowledge, heart knowledge, deep relationship
5. Comes from prayer and reading the word

### B. When is eternity?

1. Now!
2. It doesn't start only after we die
3. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”
3. It is because of Jesus that we know what God is like
4. We are living eternal life now
5. Bret's teaching last week, we are still looking forward to a future glory
6. It is thanks to Jesus that we get to know and have relationship with God

## VI. Put it together

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### A. Remember the context

1. Tomorrow Jesus dies (hour has come)
2. All the work he's done is coming down to this
3. In order for Jesus to give us eternal life, he has to conquer

death

4. He prays "Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you"  
"Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."

B. What happens?

1. His hour came
2. He was put up on a cross and killed
3. By the glory of God he conquered death
4. Giving us access to eternal life through him

C. It is by God's glory we have eternal life

1. Fully realized in heaven when face to face with glory
2. We can experience God's presence and glory right now

## VII. Key points

A. Pray

1. Whether you're dying tomorrow or having a great day today
2. Prayer is relationship with God
3. How we know his will for us
4. Gives us strength to complete it

B. Give God glory with your work

1. Jesus gave God glory by revealing his character, we can, and should, do the same

2. Live like Christ and show others what it means to have eternal life

3. Keep it positive and tease less
4. Jesus saves windshield story (no reckless driving)

C. Jesus did his job

1. Father did his job
2. Holy Spirit is doing his job
3. Let's do ours for the glory of God

Jesus prays that God would have glory through him, so that God's people can have eternal life.

Prayer:

Thanks for Jesus' work

Give us your presence

Help us with our work

So we can glorify you

Discussion questions:

1. How do you experience God's glory now?

2. What work do you have? How can you glorify God through it?