



ONE HEART FOR JESUS

John 17:1-5

After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so He can give glory back to You. 2 For You have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him. 3 And this is the way to have eternal life - to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth. 4 I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. 5 Now, Father, bring Me into the glory We shared before the world began. (John 17:1-5)

- **What priority does prayer have in my life?**
- **Prayer was obviously a priority with Jesus.**
 - In the Gospels we find Jesus praying at His baptism, in the wilderness before He began His ministry, before He selected His disciples, before He performed miracles, and before His arrest, trial and crucifixion.
- **The prayer life of Jesus reminds us that 1) we are to be praying on a daily basis, 2) we are to be expecting God to hear and respond to our prayers (Matthew 7:7-11), and 3) we are to be trusting in the fact that Jesus is praying for us (Hebrews 7:25).**
- **The Disciples took note of Jesus' prayer life and asked Him to teach them how to pray because they perceived that His anointing and power resulted from His communication with His Heavenly Father (Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-13).**
- **The prayer that Jesus taught His disciples is actually the "Model Prayer," while Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 17) is the real "Lord's Prayer."**
 - **The Lord's Prayer includes focuses on Jesus (John 17:1-5), on His present Disciples (John 17:6-19), and on His future Disciples (John 17:20-26).**
 - **The "Lord's Prayer" (John 17), an intimate conversation between Jesus and the Heavenly Father, has great implications and instructions for our lives.**
- **Jesus - "Glorify Your Son so He can give glory back to You." (John 17:1)**
- **Why does Jesus deserve to be "glorified" in our lives, homes, churches and world?**

**We Should Be Focused On Glorifying Jesus Because Of:
HIS GLORIOUS LIFE**

- Jesus - *"I brought glory to You here on earth."* (John 17:4)
- **We have all been created to bring "glory" to our Heavenly Father.**
- "The chief objective of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." (The Westminster Catechism)
- **Jesus Revealed God's Glory *In His Character.***
 - *"The Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unending love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."* (John 1:14)
 - *"The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God..."* (Hebrews 1:3)
 - **People observed the character and glory of God in the person of Jesus, but we human beings are imperfect in our character.**
 - *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."* (Romans 3:23)
 - **Human beings tend to compare ourselves with others, but we need to be comparing ourselves to the glory and goodness of Jesus - and as we do that the more we realize we need a Savior and Deliverer in our lives.**
- **Jesus Revealed God's Glory *In His Conduct***
 - **Jesus is the only one who ever kept the law of God in a perfect way.**
 - *"God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin . . ."* (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - **Late in His life Jesus asked, "Who convicts Me of sin" (John 8:46) which is a question no one else would dare to ask.**
- **Jesus Revealed God's Glory *In His Claims***
 - Jesus - *"You (God) have given Him (Jesus) authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him."* (John 17:2)
 - **The Bible teaches that Jesus had authority over: 1) Animals, 2) Natural Elements (Mark 4:35-41) and 3) People.**
 - **Jesus has the authority to determine who goes to Heaven or Hell.**
 - Jesus - *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6)
 - *"God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."* (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - **Six times in John 17 Jesus said that the Heavenly Father has given Him a unique and special people.**
 - **Jesus went to the cross to secure His very own people.**
- **As Jesus' followers, we are to be focused on becoming more like Him in our attitudes, ambitions, actions and relationships so we can glorify Him through our character, conduct and claims.**
 - *"We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ..."* (Ephesians 4:15)
 - Jesus – *"Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise Heavenly Father."* (Matthew 5:16)

- ***What are some steps that I need to take to become more like Jesus in my character and conduct?***

We Should Be Focused On Glorifying Jesus Because Of:

HIS GLORIOUS DEATH

- *“After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so He can give glory back to You.’” (John 17:1)*
- **Jesus in His prayer was referring to His impending death on the cross.**
- **From a human perspective, we don’t see God’s glory in Jesus’ death on the cross, but from a heavenly perspective we see clearly God’s glory in Jesus’ death.**
- **The cross of Jesus is a glorious thing because on it Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, making it possible for us to be reconciled with God and with one another.**
- **Jesus’ Death On The Cross Fulfilled A Grim Assumption**
 - Jesus - *“The hour has come”* (John 17:1)
 - **Several times in the Gospels Jesus had said that “His hour had not yet come” (John 2:4), but now the time was ready for Him to go to the cross.**
 - **The death of Jesus was not an accident, but instead was a divine appointment and planned event.**
 - *“Time did not cause Him to die, but Jesus chose a time to die.”* (Augustine)
- **Jesus’ Death On The Cross Was A Great Achievement**
 - Jesus - *“I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.”* (John 17:4)
 - **Jesus was talking about a future event as though it had already happened because He was committed to dying for the sins of mankind on the cross.**
 - *“Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”* (1 Peter 3:18)
 - **The purposefulness and commitment of Jesus contrasts with the lack of purpose and commitment of most Christians when it comes to attending church, serving and giving to the Lord, helping others and living for Him.**
 - ***What if Jesus had been as half-hearted towards His purpose as we often are towards our purpose(s) in life?***
 - **Since Jesus was willing to die for us, we ought to be willing to live for Him.**
- ***What are some steps that I can take to become more like Jesus in my commitment to fulfilling His purposes for my life?***

We Should Be Focused On Glorifying Jesus Because Of:

HIS GLORIOUS FUTURE

- Jesus - *“Now, Father, bring Me into the glory We shared before the world began.”* (John 17:5)
- **The Bible Teaches Us That Jesus Had Existed In Glory In Times Past**
 - **Jesus has existed from before the very beginning of time as a part of the Triune God.**
 - *“In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* (John 1:1)

- **The Bible Teaches Us That Jesus Had *Diminished His Glory In The Present***
 - *“He (Jesus) gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.”* (Philippians 2:7)
 - **There were times when Jesus showed His glory to His disciples (Matthew 17:1-5), but for most of His life He looked, talked and acted like a man.**
- **The Bible Teaches Us That Jesus *Expected To Go Back To His Glory In The Future***
 - *“Bring Me into the glory We shared before the world began.”* (John 17:5)
 - **A few days after His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus returned to His place in “glory” with the Heavenly Father (Acts 1:9-11).**
 - *“Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”* (Acts 7:55)
 - *“He (Jesus) appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”* (1 Timothy 3:16)
 - **Can you imagine the reception given by the angels when Jesus returned to Heaven and the reception we will receive when we get to Heaven?**
- *“Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* (Philippians 2:9-11)
- **Since Jesus is the supreme LORD of all, He deserves to be SAVIOR and LORD of our lives.**
- *“If Jesus Christ is God, and He died for me, there is nothing I should not be willing to do for Him.”* (C.T. Studd)
- **As LORD OF ALL, Jesus has the power to heal broken hearts, homes and lives.**

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