

**John 17:1–5 NKJV** - “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. **Glorify** Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give **eternal life** to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have **finished the work** which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the **glory which I had** with You before the world was.”

### Why do we call John 17 “The Greatest Prayer”?

- Longest recorded prayer of Jesus (Out of 650 biblical prayers, 25 from Jesus)
  - **632** words
  - **26** verses
- “Mt. Everest” of biblical prayers
- Eavesdropping on the Father & Son
- “Holy of Holies” of John’s Gospel

I. Jesus prays for **HIMSELF**(v.1-5)

II. Jesus prays for **HIS DISCIPLES**(v.6-18)

III. Jesus prays for **HIS CHURCH**(v.19-26)

John 17:1-5 Jesus prays for Himself, concerning **5 main things**:

1. His **Glorification**
2. His **Salvation**
3. His **Relation**
4. His **Completion**
5. His **Restoration**



• His **GLORIFICATION** - the Cross (“God’s GREAT Glory?!”)

◦ “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, **the hour has come. Glorify** Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You..”

▪ **“..the hour has come..”**

▪ This is an expression that Jesus has referred to often in John’s Gospel, to refer to the approaching time of His death upon the CROSS:

▪ **John 2:4** NKJV - “My hour has not yet come.”

- **John 7:6** NKJV - “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.”
- **John 7:8** NKJV - “I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.”

▪ But here, Jesus declares that His hour has finally come, to go to the Cross and die for for the sins of mankind.

▪ **“Glorify Your Son..”**

▪ **“doxa”** - Greek for “weight, glory, to lift up, to elevate, to bring honor to, give praise of glorious greatness”

▪ The Crucifixion brought GREAT GLORY to Jesus?!

▪ **Phil 2:8–11** NKJV - “He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

▪ **Isa 53:11–12** NKJV - “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great..”

▪ **Zech 13:6; 14:9** NKJV - “Where did You get those wounds? ... the Lord shall be King over all the earth.”

- **“... that Your Son may glorify You..”**
  - The Crucifixion of Jesus brought **GREAT GLORY** to the Father?!
    - **Psalm 19** - *God’s glory is declared thru Creation...*
      - *“The heavens declare the glory of God...”*
        - The glory of God’s **POWER**,  
God’s **INTELLIGENCE**,  
God’s **SOVEREIGNTY**, etc...
  - **Romans 5:8** - *God’s glory is GREATLY declared thru Redemption!!*
    - *“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*
      - The **GREATEST GLORY** of God, was clearly on display, thru the Crucifixion of Christ!!
      - The GREAT glory of God’s **GRACE**, of God’s **LOVE**, of God’s **MERCY** were all displayed thru the Crucifixion of Jesus!!
        - *What did creation cost the Father? **NOTHING.***
        - *What did the crucifixion cost the Father? **EVERYTHING.***
  - **1 John 4:9** - *The Cross is the **GREAT** display of God’s **GLORIOUS LOVE!!***
    - *“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*
      - *Bikini Island nuclear*

**bomb test... BOOM!!**



- *The power was on **DISPLAY** for **ALL** to **SEE!!***



## **2 APPLICATION FOR TODAY:**

1. **SEE IT** - "Help me to **see** it!"
2. **SHARE IT** - "Help me to **share** it!"

### **1. Where can I see the GREAT GLORY of God when I'm down & depressed??**

- *Refocus myself, on the GLORY of **GOD'S LOVE**, displayed at the Cross!*
- *Refocus myself, on the GLORY of **GOD'S GRACE**, displayed at the Cross!*
- *Refocus myself, on the GLORY of **GOD'S MERCY**, displayed at the Cross!*

### **2. How can I display the GREAT GLORY of God to this dark & dying world??**

- *Share with the world, the GLORY of **GOD'S LOVE**, displayed at the Cross!*
- *Share with the world, the GLORY of **GOD'S GRACE**, displayed at the Cross!*
- *Share with the world, the GLORY of **GOD'S MERCY**, displayed at the Cross!*

• His **SALVATION** - the Christians



- *"..as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give **eternal life** to as many as You have given Him."*
  - *".. given Him authority over all flesh.."*
  - *"..eternal life.."*
  - *"..You have given Him."*

• His RELATION - the Criteria



- “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
  - “..know..”
  - “..You, the only true God..”
  - “..and Jesus Christ..”

• His COMPLETION - the Cross



- “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”
  - “..the work..”
  - “..finished..” - Jn 19:30; Heb 10

• His RESTORATION - the Crown



- “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”
  - “.. the glory..”
  - “..which I had with you, before the world was..”