

Title: When God Prays

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.”



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..**”
- 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..”
 - Jesus Christ has been given ALL authority over mankind, now and into eternity
 - **John 5:22–23** (NKJV): “..the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”
 - **Philippians 2:8–11** (NKJV): He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- “..eternal life..”
 - *These are the Greek words “aionios” and “zoe” which mean ‘spiritual life that last for the eons and eons of time’*
 - *Eternal life is a **QUANTITY** of life, but even more so a **QUALITY** of life! (Jn 10:10)*

- “..You have given Him.”
 - **Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV):** “..He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world..”
 - We have been **CHOSEN** by the Father, but we are free to **CHOOSE** Him if we want



- 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..”
 - *This is the Greek word “ginosko” meaning “to experience something or someone; to know someone thru personal interaction”*
 - *Biblically, real eternal life is thru having a personal **RELATIONSHIP** with the Father and Son; not be having **RELIGION** or **RITUALS**.*

 - “..You, the only true God..”
 - *Scripture is very clear that there are a multitude of false and imposter spiritual beings, that pose as “gods” to the pagans, and deceive them into worshipping them*
 - **Psalm 82:1–7 (NKJV):** “God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? I said, “You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High. But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.”
 - **Psalm 95:3 (NKJV):** “..the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods.”
 - **Psalm 96:4–5 (NKJV):** “For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.”
 - **1 Corinthians 10:20–21 (NKJV):** “..the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons.”

- **Colossians 1:16–17 (NKJV):** “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

- “..and Jesus Christ..”
 - Acts 4:12
 - John 14:6
 - John 3:16



- 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
 - Hebrews 1:3
 - Hebrews 10:10–18 (NKJV): “...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.”



- 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..” - this is the Greek word “**doxa**” meaning “weightiness, heaviness, honor, renown, glorious greatness”
 - “..which I had with you, before the world was..”
 - This is the restoration of Christ to his eternal glory, which he possessed prior to the incarnation, as the eternal, infinite, God the Son:
 - John 1:1-3

- *Phil 2:9-11*
- *Zech 14:9*
- **Revelation 5:11–13 (NKJV):** *Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”*