

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



February 18, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

God's way is perfect. All the LORD's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection. Psalm 18:30 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Seven Promises About The Gift Of Salvation
Promise #2**

The Gift of Salvation is given when we confess Jesus with our lips and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Why The Gospel is Such Good News

We share His Life

John 17:3

Pastor Jose L. Doniz – Sunday 2/18/24

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. **John 17:1-5 ESV** (emphasis mine).

Overview:

Chapter 17, known as the "High Priestly Prayer" is sandwiched between chapters 13 to 16 - What happened in the Upper room –& in 18-20 - His arrest, Crucifixion and resurrection. This prayer is divided into three major sections.

- **V.1-5:** have Jesus praying about Himself.
- **V.6–19:** have Jesus praying for His present disciples.
- **V.20–26:** we see Jesus praying for future believers.

V.1: "**The hour**" was the term for His sufferings and crucifixion - in which His atoning work would be completed.

- Greek word "**glory**" of God (doxē) - is the revelation and manifestation of all that He has and is. A Self-revelation that manifest all His goodness.
- From the divine point of view, the cross revealed and magnified the grace and glory of God.

V.4: Christ's "**work**" was making God known to the world. His miracles, teachings, and life exposed God to human gaze.

V. 5: He asked now for the return of His eternal manifestation - having completed His earthly revelation. Jesus was praying for the **full restoration of His essential glory**.

V. 2-3: Through His redemptive work, Christ obtained the right to exercise His **power to give eternal life**.

- Jesus **has all power and all judgment**, is committed to Him. Power to bind or lose, absolve or condemn, power on earth to forgive sins or not.
- **Believers** are the **Father's "love gift"** to His beloved Son.

What is Eternal Life?

1. A **gift**, only to those who believe in Jesus Christ.
2. Not simply an unending progression of years.
3. **Current** possession and standing in Christ.
4. **Continuous experiential knowledge** of Jesus.

Rope Illustration: Are you focusing just in the tiny, little portion on earth?

*"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his **life** will lose it, but whoever loses his **life** for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"*

Luke 9:23-25 ESV (emphasis mine).

Two warnings:

1. Eternal life cannot be self-gained. It's free by believing in Jesus.
2. Eternal Life is about having a continuous & uninterrupted, experiential knowledge of Him.

How do you live the **blue portion** of the rope? – **We love others!**

John 13:34 - *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"*

Invitation:

- 1- Salvation! Start your Eternal Life today.
- 2- Return to God. Rekindle your relation w/Him.
- 3- Refocus your prep-time (**blue portion** of the rope).

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #7

You can't outgive God. He always blesses generous givers.

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:6, 7 (CEB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!"

Malachi 3:10 (TLB)

4Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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