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Christ

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Gospel Of John Series – 102 GLORY BEFORE THE CROSS John 17:1–5

INTRODUCTION

BIG IDEA

Jesus prays for the Father's glory through the Son's finished work so that eternal life may be given to all who believe.

John 17:1–5 reveals three powerful realities about Christ's mission and our salvation:

I. THE APPOINTED HOUR (v. 1) *"Father, the hour has come..."*

A. The Timing Was Sovereign (Galatians 4:4, Acts 2:23)

B. The Turning Point Was the Cross

- The "hour" refers to:
His suffering → His death → His resurrection → His exaltation

C. The Trust Was in the Father

APPLICATION

- God's timing in your life is not random
- Even your trials are under divine appointment

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

II. THE AIM OF GLORY (vv. 1–2, 4–5)

“Glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...”

A. The Mutual Glory Between Father and Son

B. The Manifestation of God’s Character

To glorify = to reveal, display, make known

“GLORIFY” — (*doxazō*) At the cross we see:

God’s justice - God’s love - God’s holiness - God’s mercy

C. The Mission Accomplished (v. 4) *“I have finished the work...”*

“FINISHED” — *teleioō, tetelestai* - to complete, accomplish

D. The Majesty Restored (v. 5)

“Glorify Me... with the glory I had with You before the world existed”

This affirms: His pre-existence - His deity - His eternal glory

APPLICATION

- Your life’s purpose is the same: to glorify God
- Not to make a name for yourself—but to reflect Him

III. THE AWARD OF LIFE (vv. 2–3) *“...to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him.”*

A. The Authority of the Son (v. 2)

“AUTHORITY” — *exousia* – authority, right, power to act

B. The Assurance of the Gift *“to give eternal life...”*

“ETERNAL LIFE” — *zōē* – life, *aiōnios* - eternal, everlasting

Jesus defines it—not as time—but as relationship.

C. The Definition of Eternal Life (v. 3) *“that they know you...”*

“KNOW” — *ginōskō* - To know personally, experientially, relationally

This is relational knowing, not academic awareness

D. The Access Through the Son *“and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”*

No Christ = No life

No Son = No salvation

This passage confronts us:

- Are we living for God’s glory—or our own?
- Are we trusting God’s timing—or resisting it?
- Do we possess eternal life—or just religious knowledge?

Turn from sin - Trust in Jesus - Receive the life He offers