

John 17 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, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”*** ...

BI: In Jesus’ High Priestly prayer, He prayed for Himself, His Disciples, and You.

Today: Jesus prayed for His _____ to be revealed: **How?**

I. Jesus implicitly prayed for His glory to be revealed:

- Through the _____ (vv. 1 & 4).
- By His _____ (v. 5).

II. Jesus explicitly prayed for His glory to be revealed:

- By His _____ (v. 5).

III. Jesus prayed this will make a difference in _____ life (vv. 1-3).

Happy Easter: Welcome to Grace Church. For those who are unfamiliar with Church or the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I invite you to read this insert and consider the truths we proclaim.

First, a church (lower case “c”) is a place where people gather to worship the God of the Bible. Jesus teaches us that God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (see Matthew 28:19-20). God is Spirit and thus is not constrained by a body. Therefore, God is both invisible to us and exists everywhere at the same time. This is hard for humans to grasp and none of us would ever be able to understand *who* God is or *what* God is like without God having chosen to reveal His nature to us. This is why God chose to come into this world in physical form through human birth in the person of Jesus Christ.

The word “Christ” is not Jesus’ name, but a title meaning “Anointed King” who represents God on earth. Throughout His life, Jesus prayed to God the Father and performed miracles as evidence that He is the Christ. Jesus came for a purpose, to show us *who* God is and to submit Himself to God’s will, which included death on a Cross at the hands of Pontius Pilot, who saw Jesus as a threat. Jesus did this willingly in order to show us the love of God. This love is the kind that did not insist on His own way, but rather, Jesus laid Himself down without responding with wrath in order to bring peace. This was a self-sacrificing love, which we would all like to see in politics and on the international stage today, wouldn’t we.

It was on the cross that Jesus died in order to draw all humanity to the love of God. And His resurrection (on Easter Sunday) is evidence that death and sin was conquered by the Son of God. Those who believe that this is true and profess Jesus as Lord become part of the Church, which is spiritual, part of the Kingdom of God and which includes all Christians worldwide.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the answer to all the world’s problems. To learn more, we invite you to join us each Sunday and to get involved in a small group fellowship during the week. See the bulletin for more details.

Application Questions:

1. Having read John 17:1-5, what do you think of v. 5 in which Jesus claims to have had glory as God before the world existed?
2. In vv. 2-3, what do you think of the concept of “eternal life” as being not just living forever, but having the same quality of life as God?
3. According to v. 3, how do you gain eternal life?