

Lesson 47 John 17:1-5 Jesus Prays to The Father Part 1

Pray: Before you begin lift your heart to God and ask for the Spirit's help as you read the passage and work through these questions in His divine presence and you certainly will be given understanding.

Background:

At the end of Jewish Literature there was often a prayer or blessing and a recap of recurring themes. We see both a prayer and recap of several recurring themes in John here in Chapter 17.

"Lifting one's eyes to heaven" was a common posture for prayer in Jesus' time.

Key Words:

Hour: Strong's G5610 "hora" a day, hour, time, season

In Bible times "one's hour" could refer to one's death. John uses the word frequently to refer to Jesus' death on the cross.

Glorify: Strong's G1392 "doxazo" to render glorious, honor, magnify

Zodhiates: In 17:1 : Spoken of God and Christ, meaning to render glorious the divine character and attributes.

After finishing his discourse with the disciples, Jesus raises His eyes to heaven and begins to pray to His Father:

Read John 17:1-5

1. Jesus opens His prayer to His Father by stating that "the hour had come". We know from our past studies in John that He was referring to His death on the cross. What does Jesus then ask His Father to do?

2. Death on the cross at that time was a death that epitomized shame, not honor and glory. Knowing what you know about the cross, how were both the Father and Son glorified? How were their divine attributes displayed on the cross?

Application: When we go through suffering what are some specific ways we can glorify the Father and the Son?

3. In 17:2-3 what has the Father given the Son? What does that enable the Son to give and to whom?

Application: According to Jesus "life eternal" means to "know God and His Son whom the Father has sent. As a believer what does it mean to "know God? How is it different than knowing of God? Is there anything in your life that is keeping you from knowing God the way He would like you to know Him?

4. In John 17:4 Jesus says He glorified the Father on earth by "finishing the work He gave Him to do". According to the following verses what was some of that work?

John 4:34:

Matthew 11:5:

John 14:31:

Isaiah 53:4-6:

1 Peter 3:18:

Application: How do you personally benefit from Christ's finished work ?

5. According to 17:5, Jesus asks the father to return to Him the glory which He had with the Father before the world was? What did He give up in order to come to earth. What did God do for Him after the cross and resurrection?(See Philippians 2: 5-11)