

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

John 17

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.” John 17:1-5 (New International Version)

This prayer reveals the spiritual priorities that are in Jesus’ heart.

- That our lives would bring God glory
- That we would be with Him for eternity
- That God’s people would be sanctified
- That God’s people would be protected
- That God’s people would be united
- That God’s people would be used to share the Good news of Jesus Christ with a lost world

➤ **PRIORITY #1: THAT GOD WOULD BE GLORIFIED.**

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“And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.” John 17:5 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. John 1:1-2 (NIV)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.” John 17:24 (NIV)

- God’s glory = The sum of His attributes.

Principle: The deepest desire of Jesus was to glorify His Father.

➤ **PRIORITY #2: ETERNAL LIFE.**

“For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to those you have given him.” John 17:2 (NIV)

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33b (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3 (NIV)

Principle: Eternal life is a personal relationship with the only true God through Jesus Christ.