

The Glory of the Son (John 17)

Chapter 17 is often called Jesus' "High priestly prayer." He has finished his farewell discourse to His disciples and now prays to the Father on their behalf. This chapter is a unified whole but for the sake of the depth of material, we will break it up into sections.

I. Jesus' Hour to be Glorified Has Come (1)

A. Jesus lifts His eyes and begins to pray to the Father

B. Jesus recognizes that His hour has come

1. It is time for Jesus to go to the cross
2. It is time for Him to be handed over to His murderers
3. Not everything is in the Father's hands

C. Jesus asks the Father to glorify him

1. This glory will come at the cross
2. Jesus will be glorified
 - a. The greatest tragedy in history will be the source of the greatest glory
 - b. The final victory over sin and death will come at the cross
 - c. Jesus will bear the weight of sin for mankind

D. Jesus intends to glorify the Father

1. Jesus will glorify the Father by going to the cross
 - a. At the cross God's justice and love are both demonstrated
 - b. Power and Compassion are experienced at the cross
 - c. The Father's attributes are nowhere more clearly seen
2. Jesus desires to be glorified so that he may glorify the Father
 - a. Even in his death he seeks the Father's glory
 - b. Even in his exaltation he demonstrates humility
 - c. This should be our aim in everything

II. Jesus is Glorified in Giving Eternal Life (2-3)

A. Eternal Life Has Been Given Through the Son (2)

1. Jesus has been given authority over all flesh
 - a. He has the authority to give eternal life
 - b. He has the authority to give eternal life to those given to Him by the Father
2. Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him in the same way He has given Him authority

B. Eternal Life is Relationship with God (3)

1. Jesus defines eternal life as intimate knowledge of God
2. Jesus defines eternal life as intimate knowledge of Himself
3. Eternal life isn't just receiving benefits – its receiving a relationship

III. Jesus is Returning to His Former Glory (4-5)

A. Jesus Glorified the Father by Accomplishing the Work (4)

1. Jesus' entire life glorified the Father on earth
2. Jesus always did the Father's will
3. Jesus always did everything the father gave him to do

B. Jesus will be glorified in the Father's presence (5)

1. Jesus desires to be in the Father's presence
2. Notice that Jesus is going back to where he was before
3. Notice that Jesus is going back to His former glory
4. Jesus shared the glory of God with the Father before creation.

IV. Jesus Prays For the Disciples (6-19)

A. Jesus Commends the Disciples to the Father (6-8)

1. Jesus has revealed the Father to them (6a)
 - a. He manifested God's name to them
 - b. He showed them the Father by His life
2. Jesus received them from the Father

B. The disciples have obeyed the truth (6b-8)

1. The disciples have kept the Father's word (6b)
2. The disciples have trusted in the Son (7-8)
 - a. They know that the Father gave Jesus all authority
 - b. They have received Jesus' words
 - c. They have believed Jesus was sent from the Father

C. Jesus Prays for their Protection (9-12)

1. Jesus prays the Father will protect them in His absence (9-11)
 - a. Jesus prays for them specifically (9)
 - i. Jesus is not praying for the world
 - ii. Jesus is praying for those given to him out of the world
 - b. Jesus is glorified in his disciples (10)
 - i. Jesus' disciples are the Father's disciples
 - ii. Jesus is glorified as they live for God
 - c. Jesus is leaving them in the world (11)
 - i. Jesus is going to the Father
 - ii. The disciples are remaining in the wicked world
 - d. Jesus prays the Father would protect them
 - i. Jesus prays they would be kept in His name
 - ii. Jesus prays they would be kept in unity with each other
 - iii. The same way Jesus is united with the Father is the way disciples should be united with one another
2. Jesus Protected the disciples when he was with them (12)

- a. Jesus kept them while he was with them
- b. Jesus guarded them perfectly – none was lost except Judas

D. Jesus prays For their Joy in the World (13-16)

1. Jesus prays for their joy in the Father (13)
 - a. Jesus is leaving them in the world
 - b. Jesus speaks these things so that they would have joy in themselves even though the world hates them
2. The disciples are hated in the world (14)
 - a. Jesus has given them the Father's world

- b. The world hates the disciples because they are not of the world
 - 3. Jesus prays for their protection from evil (15-16)
 - a. Jesus does not with they will be taken out of the world
 - b. Jesus prays that they will be kept from evil in the world
 - c. The evil one is of the world but they are not
- E. Jesus prays for their mission in the world (17-19)
 - 1. Jesus prays the disciples be changed by the Word (17)
 - a. They are to be sanctified throughout their lives
 - b. They are to be sanctified by the word of truth
 - 2. Jesus sends the disciples into the world (18)
 - a. The Father sent the son to complete his mission and accomplish what he was given to do
 - b. In the same way, the Son sends the disciples into the world
 - 3. Jesus Sets himself apart for their sanctification (19)
 - a. Jesus sets himself apart from the world for the sake of his disciples
 - b. Jesus does this so that they will be sanctified daily in the truth

V. Jesus Prays for the Whole Church (20-25)

- A. Jesus Prays all Believers will be united in Him (20-23)
 - 1. Jesus prays for those who will believe the gospel (20)
 - 2. Jesus prays for their unity (21a)
 - a. Jesus desires his people be one as he and the Father are one
 - b. Jesus desires his people to be one with God as well
 - 3. Jesus' people's unity will testify to the world (21b)
 - 4. Jesus has given his people glory to be unified (22)
 - a. The glory given to Jesus by the Father has been given to us
 - b. The reason it is given to us is so that we may be one
 - 5. Jesus' people's unity will testify to God's love (23)
 - a. Their perfect unity will let the world know Jesus was sent by the Father
 - b. Their unity will tell the world that God loves them
- B. Jesus Prays the disciples will be with Him forever (24)
 - 1. Jesus desires believers be with him in heaven
 - 2. Jesus desires might see his glory and the Father's love
- C. Jesus Prays for the love of God to be in believers (25-26)
 - 1. Believers know the Father and the Son (25)
 - a. The world doesn't know the Father
 - b. The Son does know the Father
 - c. Believers know that Jesus is from the Father
 - 2. Jesus will continue to produce love in believers (26)
 - a. Jesus made the Father's name known to us
 - b. Jesus will continue to make His name known
 - c. Jesus will do this so that His love will be in us