

The Lord Jesus Christ Prays - John 17:1-5 Part 1

This chapter lets us "eavesdrop" as Christ prays. This transitional passage bridges Jesus' earthly and intercessory ministry (Hebrews 7:25).

1: These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

Scripture records many times when Jesus should've died, but His hour had not yet come. We see Jesus': [a] obedience to the Father; [b] glorifying the Father; [c] revealing God in Jesus Christ.

2: As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

The Greek word for "power" is "authority" (Matthew 28:18-20).

3: And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

The doctrine of election is occurs in the NT (Acts 13:48, Romans 8:29-33, Ephesians 1:3-6, II Thessalonians 2:13, Titus 1:1, I Peter 1:2). This does not excuse those who perish in unbelief (Romans 3:4, I John 1:10, 5:10).

4: I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

5: And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

Jesus looks beyond the Cross to being returned to the glory that He shared with the Father (Isaiah 53:1, John 3:12, 12:38, Revelation 13:8).

Conclusion: By His death, burial, and resurrection He accepted God's path to Glory. Millions of the redeemed adore, praise, and worship Him face-to-face now. This service is a foreshadowing of our future reality in Heaven.

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