



The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. *Psalm 91:1*

The Real Lord's Prayer: John 17 The Glory of God

Finishing The Work

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
Joh 1:14 From the incarnation to the ascension—
Jesus completed the work set before Him.

A. The Faithful Son 17:1, 5

Jesus lifts his eyes: *Psa 121:1; 123:1; John 11:41*

1. What he asks 17:1a, 5: “*Glorify your Son.*”

- a. **Living by a calendar:** “The hour has come.” Until now Jesus kept saying His hour had not come. *Joh 2:4* But now His divine purpose is about to be fulfilled.
- b. **The glory:** For Jesus, the cross is not a place of shame, but a place of honor. To glorify God is to reveal Him in our character and life. Jesus has done this in life and will now do so in death.
- c. **Return to glory:** 17:5 Jesus had set aside His ‘divine prerogative’ while on earth—until the resurrection.

2. Why he asks 17:1b: “...that Your Son also may glorify You.”

- a. **Glory revealed:** That the glory that is both His and the Father’s might be revealed in Him OPENLY in the cross and the resurrection. Jesus also glorifies the Father by giving eternal life to those who believe on Him.

B. The Fruitful Son 17:2–4

1. He has given eternal life to all the elect 17:2–3

- a. **The incarnate Messiah:** 17:2 He was empowered to impart eternal life to those who had been given to Him. REAL LIFE is in Christ *John 1:4; 3:15-16; 4:14* The flow is from ‘creation’ to NEW creation—the Son gave life to all creation and to the new creation. *Col 1:16-17*

NOTE: The scripture sees no confusion between human responsibility and divine election!

See *John 6:37-44*

- b. **The nature of eternal life:** 17:3 It is NOT described in terms of chronology [time] but in terms of relationship. For the complete fulfillment of our being, we MUST know [have a personal relationship with] God.

NOTE: This knowing is not about intellectual assent. The Hebrew notion of knowing encompasses experience and intimacy and for believers this means obedience to and love for God [abiding]. *John 15:1-12*

2. He has completed his assignment 17:4

- a. Work in progress: 17:4 Even though Jesus had yet to experience the cross, resurrection and ascension—He speaks prophetically in this prayer acknowledging His ‘obedience’ to the Father in finishing the work. *Joh 4:34*

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” *Jesus (John 4:34)*

John 17:1-5 (NKJV)

:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
:2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:1-5 (NLT)

:1 After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son so He can give glory back to You.
:2 For You have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him.
:3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.
:4 I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.
:5 Now, Father, bring Me into the glory We shared before the world began.