

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Listen, Jesus Is Praying"

Text: John 17:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

1. What comes to your mind when you hear, "The Lord's Prayer?"
The prayer recorded in Matt. 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4 was a prayer taught by Jesus to His disciples as a pattern for their prayers.
2. The apostle John records another prayer in John 17.
This prayer is truly "the Lord's prayer" because Jesus Himself prayed it aloud to the Father just before allowing Himself to be arrested. None can match "the Lord's prayer" found in John 17. What makes it so great?
 - A. The person who prayed the prayer
 - B. The occasion that demanded the prayer
 - C. The petitions in the prayer. Jesus prayed . . .
for Himself (1-5); His disciples (6-19); and the whole church (20-26)

HIS _____ (vs. 4)

1. Jesus completed His assignment: "The work you gave me to do."
This "work" was His substitutionary death on the cross (cp. Heb. 10:1-18)
2. Jesus glorified the Father: "I've brought you glory on earth."
 - A. Creation brings glory to God (cp. Psa. 19:1-7; Rom. 1:19, 20)
His Existence; His Power; and His Wisdom (i.e. the Master Engineer)
 - B. Christ brings glory to God
 - 1) It showed Him _____ (cp. Rom. 3:25, 26)
 - 2) It showed Him _____ (cp. Gen. 3:15)
 - 3) It showed Him _____
 - 4) It showed Him _____ (cp. Rom. 5:8)

HIS _____ (vss. 1b-3, 5)

1. Note what He asked: "Glorify your Son" (vss. 1b, 5)

Jesus asked that He be restored to His pre-incarnate glory with the Father, the glory He laid aside when He came to earth to serve, suffer & die.

- A. There was a change in His dwelling place
- from heaven to earth (John 14:1, 14)
- B. There was a change in His possessions
- from riches to poverty (2 Cor. 8:9)
- C. There was a change in His glory
- from glory to obscurity (John 1:10-11)
- D. There was a change in His position
- from acknowledged equality with God to servanthood (Phil. 2:6-7)
- E. There was a change in His form
- from the form of God to the likeness of men (Phil. 2:6-7)

2. Why He asked: "give eternal life to all those you have given him"
Imparting eternal life to "all men" (not all without exception, but all without distinction) is the climax of Jesus' work.

- A. The definition of God's gift.
Jesus describes it in terms of relationship rather than duration. We can have a personal relationship with God thru faith in Jesus' work.
- B. The characteristics of God's gift.
 - 1) It's the most _____ gift ever given.
 - 2) It's an _____ gift.
 - 3) It's an _____ gift; everyone needs it.
 - 4) It's an _____ gift.
 - 5) It's an _____ gift.