



New Testament Prayer

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John 17:1-5

- ◆ *John 17:1-5 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. **Glorify** your Son so he can give **glory** back to you. 2 For you have given him authority over everyone in all the earth. 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 doing everything you told me to do. 5 And now, Father, bring me into the **glory** we shared before the world began. NLT*

John 17:1-5

◆ *Bringing glory to God?*

- *I do not know all that bringing glory to God includes, but I do believe that it has primary reference to revealing Him.*
- *I know that He does not become more glorious and there is nothing that I could do that would be so wonderful so as to add glory to an already perfect God.*
- *However, I do believe that God can become more glorious in my eyes as I see more of Him.*
- *Conclusion; We glorify God when we reveal Him.*

John 17:1-5

- ◆ *We also see in these verses;*
 - *A reference to the election of saints. (a discussion for another time)*
 - *He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.*
 - *A clear path to salvation. (who you know really does count)*
 - *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*
 - *A reference to the eternalness of Christ. (the glory we shared before the world began)*
 - *And now, Father, bring me into the **glory** we shared before the world began.*

John 17:6-12

- ◆ *John 17:6-12 "I have told these men about you. They were in the world, but then you gave them to me. Actually, they were always yours, and you gave them to me; and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, 8 for I have passed on to them the words you gave me; and they accepted them and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me. 9 "My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. 10 And all of them, since they are mine, belong to you; and you have given them back to me, so they are my glory! 11 Now I am departing the world; I am leaving them behind and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them and care for them — all those you have given me — so that they will be united just as we are. 12 During my time here, I have kept them safe. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold. NLT*

I have told these men about you. They were in the world, but then you gave them to me. Actually, they were always yours, and you gave them to me; and they have kept your word.

- ◆ *'They have kept your word' (verse #6)*
 - *Greek 'tereo' and primary meaning is to guard by keeping your eye upon.*
 - *The disciples had not perfectly obeyed God's word, but Jesus commends them for keeping God's word.*
 - *How so then? They knew that they had to align their lives to the word of God and in that way were 'keeping' it.*

Now I am departing the world; I am leaving them behind and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them and care for them — all those you have given me — so that they will be united just as we are.

- ◆ *In verse #11 we have Jesus praying 'keep through your name those that you have given me'*
 - *Guess what? The 'keep' in verse #11 is the same 'keep' as in verse #6.*
 - *Guard them with your eye, keep your eye upon them.*
 - *In verse #12, keep is the same word.*

"My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

◆ *In verse #9 we see these words 'I pray for them'. His ministry of prayer for the believer continues even today.*

- *I JOHN 2:1; My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One*

And all of them, since they are mine, belong to you; and you have given them back to me, so they are my glory!

- ◆ *In verse #10 we see that Jesus is glorified (or seen) in us.*
- ◆ *There is a very convicting song where the lyrics are*
 - *You're the only Jesus some will ever see*

John 17:13-19

- ◆ *John 17:13-19 - "And now I am coming to you. I have told them many things while I was with them so they would be filled with my joy. 14 I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not. 15 I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They are not part of this world any more than I am. 17 Make them pure and holy by teaching them your words of truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself entirely to you so they also might be entirely yours. NLT*

John 17:13-19

- ◆ *Verse #13 – He gives a truth that brings joy.*
 - *- "And now I am coming to you. I have told them many things while I was with them so they would be filled with my joy.*
- ◆ *Verse #14 – We need His joyous truth because we will get no such comfort from the world.*
 - *I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not.*
- ◆ *Verses #15 & #16 – In the world, but not of the world. Worldly thinking is best combated by the truth that verses #13 & #14 point to.*
 - *I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They are not part of this world any more than I am.*

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- ◆ *Verse #17 – Another example of the power of the word.*
 - *If you want more faith, read the word more. (Rom 10:17)*
 - *If you want to be further sanctified, go further into the word.*
 - *Right doctrine tends to lead to right living.*

As you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself entirely to you so they also might be entirely yours.

- ◆ *Verse #18 is strong language for us.*
 - *Just as the Father sent His Son into a foreign and dangerous place, Jesus sends us out in like manner.*
- ◆ *Verse #19 – here we see Jesus in His role as our advocate.*
 - *A careful examination of Jesus' words show the seriousness of His commitment to us.*

John 17:20-23

- ◆ *John 17:20-23 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. NKJV*

John 17:20-23

- ◆ *Evangelism, evangelism, evangelism.*
- ◆ *When the church is unified, people know that something supernatural has taken place.*
 - *In the essentials, unity.*
 - *In the non-essentials, liberty.*
 - *In all things, charity.*

John 17:24-26

- ◆ *John 17:24-Father, I want these whom you've given me to be with me, so they can see my glory. You gave me the glory because you loved me even before the world began! 25 "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. 26 And I have revealed you to them and will keep on revealing you. I will do this so that your love for me may be in them and I in them." NLT*

John 17:24-26

- ◆ *Verse #24 – there will come a day when we will see Jesus and He yearns for that day as well.*
 - *Father, I want these whom you've given me to be with me, so they can see my glory. You gave me the glory because you loved me even before the world began!*
- ◆ *Verse #26 – Jesus speaks of continuing to reveal the father.*
 - *And I have revealed you to them and will keep on revealing you. I will do this so that your love for me may be in them and I in them."*
 - *John 16:12 "Oh, there is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. NLT*
 - *The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.*

Conclusions

- ◆ *Jesus prayed this prayer for his disciples, and given His ministry of intercession today, there is every reason to believe that He continues to pray in the same manner for His current disciples.*
- ◆ *When we know that someone is praying for us the normal response is admiration and affection.*

Questions / Comments

