

# GLORIFY THEE

## JOHN 17:1-5

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<sup>1</sup>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:

Introduction:

When Jesus offered His Priestly Prayer in John 17, perhaps the most important word is the little term *AS* (vv. 2, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23). God treats us *as* He treats Christ.

- **We Have the Same Life as Christ Has (v. 2).**
- **We Have the Same Security as Christ Has (v. 11).**
- **We Have the Same Hostility from the World as Christ Has (vv. 14, 16).**
- **We Have the Same Mission as Christ Has (v. 18).**
- **We Have the Same Unity as Christ Has with the Father (vv. 21–22).**

- **We Have the Same Glory as Christ Has with the Father (v. 22).**
- **We Have the Same Love as Christ Has from the Father (v. 23).**

Jesus' relationship to the Father is the pattern for our relationship to Him. If we will be to Jesus what Jesus is to the Father, then Jesus will be to us what the Father is to Jesus.

### **1. Jesus Lived by Divine Purpose (v. 2).**

His purpose was to give eternal life for all given Him by the Father. John 17 speaks seven times of our having been given to Him by the Father. The love-gift of God to the world is Christ, and the love-gift of Christ to the Father are Christians. The pressure never got in His way because His mind was fixed on the goal. Don't get caught up in side issues. Keep your mind fixed on what God has ordained for you.

### **2. Jesus Lived by Divine Power (v. 2).**

The power to accomplish His purpose was delegated to Him from the Father. All authority was given to Him, even as He sends us out as His disciple-makers (see v. 28).

### **3. Jesus Lived by Divine Plan (v. 1).**

When Jesus said, “Father, the hour is come,” He was tapping into a current of thought about His “hour” seen repeatedly in John’s Gospel.

#### **A. Nothing Should Distract You (John 2:4).**

In John 2:4, Jesus told His mother, “My hour has not yet come.” It wasn’t a rebuke or a refusal to deal with the problem at hand. But Jesus was saying, “The time for Me to be submissive to the authority of man is not here yet, though I will do what you asked right now.” Not even a marriage could distract Him. Most of us start out to accomplish something, then things come along; before we know it, the goal gets lost. When you have God’s purpose in your mind, nothing can distract you.

#### **B. Nothing Should Destroy You (John 7:30).**

Those seeking to harm Christ couldn’t, for His time had not yet come. When you live according to God’s plan, nothing can destroy you. Our lives are immortal until our work is done.

**C. Nothing Should Discourage You (John 12:27).**

This is sort of a pre-Gethsemane experience. Though troubled, Jesus didn't let His overwhelming anguish dissuade Him from the task.

**D. Nothing Should Disappoint You (John 16:32).**

Jesus said, "The hour is coming ... that you will be scattered.... Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me." Sometimes you feel you're the only one who understands what God wants you to do. But you cannot be disappointed.

**E. Nothing Should Defeat You (John 17:1).**

As the hour approached, the goal was in sight, the purpose was before Him, and this was His hour of glory. He could not be defeated because He had a purpose from God, and the plan was on schedule. Verse 4 is an epitaph on His life: "I have finished the work You gave Me to do." Our goal is not to find out how much work we can do. It's to find out the work God has given us to do.

**Conclusion:**

Are you bold and courageous enough to find out what God wants you to do? Have you a purpose clearly in mind? Are you willing to submit that purpose to the

empowering of the Holy Spirit and then stay on schedule to see that done? Some of you young people are in college. You may get discouraged and want to quit. God says, "Here is My plan and purpose for you. You'd better stay on schedule, My friends." God has that purpose fixed for you out there. He wants you to accomplish it. Stay on schedule.