

The Accomplishments of Jesus

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I. Introduction. Text: John 17:1-8.

II. The Lord's prayer for Himself that He might be glorified.

A. If we prayed this prayer, it would be selfish.

B. The Lord's end though is to glorify the Father, which is the ultimate purpose of all existence.

C. Glory means to manifest or display hidden virtue, power, wisdom or beauty.

D. In Jesus' resurrection and ascension He will have power over all things.

1. All things come from God—even challenges.

2. Every event in the world is given to contribute to bring people to eternal life.

3. Eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ whom He sent—it is the ability to know God in increasing understanding.

4. A discovery of God is what makes life worth living.

5. Jesus can exclusively give this.

E. Jesus prays to resume the fullness of Deity.

1. When He was on earth, His purpose was to display perfect humanity, not full divinity.

2. He is praying for the resurrection and ascension.

3. He needs this in order to bestow eternal life.

F. Prayer is a part of the process God uses to bring about what He has already proposed to do.

G. Jesus' work was to manifest God's name and to give God's words.

1. A name stands for resources. Jesus showed His disciples how to depend upon God.

2. Jesus came to teach them a completely new way of life through convincing words.

III. The Lord's prayer for His disciples that they might be sanctified.

IV. The Lord's prayer for the whole church that they might be unified.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to “glorify” God?

2. How did Jesus display or possess divinity while on earth?

3. How did Jesus demonstrate dependence upon God? Who is a model of this for you today?
