



*Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.*

- John 17:17

John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Re: John 17



Martin Luther
1483 - 1546

“This is truly, beyond measure, a warm and hearty prayer. He opens the depths of His heart, both in reference to us and to His Father, and He pours them all out. It sounds so honest, so simple; it is so deep, so rich, so wide, no one can fathom it.”

Re: John 17

“There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son to God Himself.”



Philippe Melancthon
1497 - 1560

Re: John 17



John Knox
1514 - 1572

He had this prayer read to him every day during his final sickness, and in the closing moments of his life, he testified that these verses continued to be a great comfort and a source of strength for his conflict.

Jesus Prays Concerning Himself

John 17:1-5

What is the glory of God?

It is an INWARD expression of who God is
- His PERFECTIONS

It is an OUTWARD expression of who God is
- His SPLENDOR

Exodus 34:5-8

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the Lord. Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

Exodus 34:5-8

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who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

Exodus 34:29

It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

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All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the Lord, saying, “Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

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1. The 1st Petition - Glorify Your Son with
reference to His earthly mission

2. The 2nd Petition - Glorify Me with
reference to His heavenly position

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:6-19

1. The Basis of His Request - v. 6-10

The Father owns us - v. 6-7

The Father and the Son both own us and have a mutual interest in us - v. 9-10

The Son is glorified in us - v. 10

2. The 3rd Petition - Keep them from the evil one - v. 11-16

3. The 4th Petition - Sanctify them in the truth, Your word is truth - v. 17-19

Ephesians 5:18b-19

but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Colossians 3:16

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Jesus Prays for All Believers

John 17:20-26

1. The 5th Petition - They may be perfected in Unity - v, 20-23

2. The 6th Petition - They may be with Me where I am - v. 24-26

3. Six Marks of the Church are interspersed in this prayer

v. 13 - Joy v. 14-17 - Holiness v. 17 - Truth

v. 18 - Mission v. 21-23 - Unity v. 26 - Love

IMPLICATIONS

1. Live a holy life - resist temptation
2. Immerse yourself in the Word of God
3. Promote unity in the church, not division
4. Live in expectation of being with Jesus Christ
5. Pray that your life reflects the glory of Jesus Christ