

# The Gospel of John

## Chapter 17, part 1

- I. Introduction
    - a. Today's lesson brings us to the Lord's Prayer
      - i. This passage isn't often referred to by that name
        - 1. However, this is actually a pray that Jesus prayed – unlike the model prayer He gave in other places
- II. Commentary
  - a. **Verses 1-5**
    - i. Jesus knew His hour had come
      - 1. His mock trial, beating and crucifixion were near
        - a. As a man, He was about to suffer in a way that we cannot comprehend
    - ii. Jesus prayed to the Father that He would be glorified
      - 1. However, notice the reason He was praying for this
        - a. He wanted to glorify the Father
          - i. Perhaps one of the problems with our praying is not effectual at times
            - 1. We need to stop being selfish in our praying by asking for the Lord to do things in our lives so we can glorify Him
    - iii. Jesus had been given authority over all flesh
      - 1. But notice, Jesus prayed that He would *"give eternal life to all them that thou hast given him."*
        - a. The doctrine of election is seen here
          - i. If everybody is not saved (and they obviously are not), then everybody was not given to Jesus in the covenant of grace
        - b. The doctrine of particular redemption is seen here
          - i. Jesus was only going to be sacrificed in the place of the elect – those that were given to Him by the Father
    - iv. Jesus tells us what it is to have eternal life
      - 1. To know God as the only very God
      - 2. To know the Son
        - a. It would be quite difficult for the hyper-calvinist to explain this verse away
        - b. There is no salvation apart from faith in Christ
    - v. Jesus had glorified the Father and finished His work
      - 1. He had glorified the Father in His works
      - 2. Jesus had established His church by this time

- vi. Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him *“with the glory which I had with thee before the world was”*
  - 1. Remember, *“in the beginning was that Word, and that Word was with God, and that Word was God” (Jhn. 1:1)*

**b. Verses 6-8**

- i. Jesus had declared the Father’s name
  - 1. This was done to a specific people
    - a. To the men *“which thou gavest me out of the world”*
      - i. Again, there is a people whom the Father gave to Jesus
        - 1. They are not a part of this world as this chapter will bear out
    - b. They have received the Lord’s word
    - c. They knew the things Jesus said and did were from the Father
    - d. They knew Jesus was sent by the Father

**c. Verses 9-12**

- i. Jesus prayed for His disciples
  - 1. Though it may not be popular by today’s doctrinal standards, He plainly says *“I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me”*
    - a. Jesus did not pray for every person
      - i. He prayed for the same group He has been speaking about – the elect whom the Father gave Him before the world
- ii. Jesus was about to come to the Father
  - 1. But, the disciples would be left behind
    - a. Jesus ask for the Father to keep them
      - i. This speaks loudly of the doctrine of eternal security
    - ii. Jesus had kept them while He was on the Earth
      - 1. None were lost except Judas
        - a. He is here called *“the child of perdition”*
          - i. This speaks of his destruction
        - b. He was chosen for this role
          - i. Do not try to blame God, however
          - ii. Judas was chosen because he fit exactly what the Lord needed for him to be the betrayer