

**The Book of John:**  
**The Disciple Jesus Loved**  
**Study Notes**

**Chapter 17 PT. 1: The High Priestly Prayer-1**

**Introduction:** We ended **Chapter 16**, with Jesus making it very clear that His time on earth is coming to an end.

- He lets them know that He knows that the road ahead will have tribulation.
- He tells them, “To take courage”. Why?
- He has overcome the world.

**John 17:1-12**

**The High Priestly Prayer**

**Understanding:** This is Jesus’ longest recorded prayer offered to Father before His crucifixion. It is divided into three sections.



- He prays to the Father for his own glorification to complete His **mission (Verses 1-5)**.
- He prays for the protection and sanctification of His disciples (**Verses 6-19**).
- He prays for the unity and ultimate glory of all future Believers (**Verses 20-26**).

**Verses 1-2**

**John 17:1-2 (NASB)** – <sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke these things; and raising His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; **glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You,** <sup>2</sup> just as **You gave Him authority over all mankind,** so that to all whom **You have given Him,** He may give eternal life.

**Understanding:** Never miss the motive of Yeshua during His time on earth; “so that the Son may **glorify** the Father”.

**Glorify-(Greek)-*doxázō***-to render (or esteem) glorious, honour, magnify.

**Key:** Let’s look at these two key phrases in Verse 2. Jesus states,

**“You gave Him authority over all mankind”**

- Jesus is referencing Himself in the “High Priestly Prayer” in the third person.
- Jesus does this to identify Himself as, “the Son”, and the one G-d Himself sent.

**“To all You have given Him”**

**Key:** This is widely considered in many theological circles to be an important biblical foundation for the doctrine of election.

### **Doctrine of Election**



- Biblical teaching that states G-d, in His sovereignty and grace, chose specific individuals for salvation and adoption into His family before the foundation of the world.
- This selection is based solely on G-d's purpose and love, rather than on any foreseen merit, faith, or good works in the individuals chosen.

**Note:** This doctrine can be supported and disproved by scripture and is very much debated.

### Verse 3

**John 17:3 (NASB)** – <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

### ETERNAL LIFE DEFINED



- It is not just an unending existence.
- It is not just living in Heaven and escaping Hell.
- IT IS “knowing” G-d as our Father.
- IT IS an eternal *intimate* relationship with the **ONLY** True and Living G-d.

### Verse 4

**John 17:4 (NASB)** – <sup>4</sup> I glorified You on the earth by **accomplishing the work** which You have given Me to do.

**Understanding:** Yeshua just connected faithfulness to our assignments in the earth as being directly tied to glorifying our Father! It’s not just a song; it’s our “yes”!

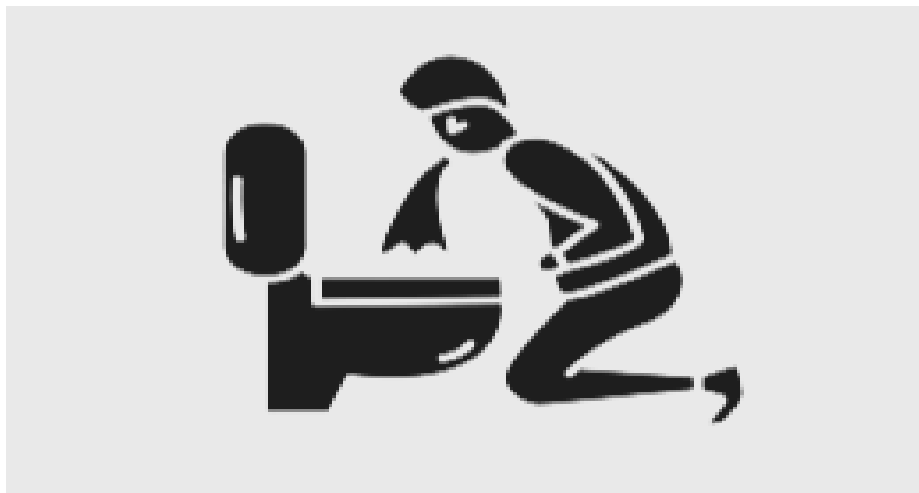


**Galatians 5:7 (AMP)** – <sup>7</sup> You were running [the race] well; **who** has interfered *and* prevented you from obeying the truth?

- Be on guard against double-mindedness (**James 1:8**).
- Guard your “yes” and your “no” (**Matthew 5:37**).
- The “who” may be you.

**Remember:** It was only that **Lukewarm Church (Revelation 3:14-16)** that G-d spewed from His mouth! *Selah.*

**KJV-Spue-(Greek)-eméō-**to vomit, i.e. to reject or Etymologically closer to, eject or spit.



**Understanding:** Vomiting is a protective, involuntary reflex triggered by the brain to expel harmful or irritating substances from the stomach, or spit out from the mouth and never reaching the stomach!

**Revelation:** G-d cannot receive what is not of Him! **Unfaithful** is not who He is! The Bible states Father, Son and Spirit are **Faithful and True!**

### **Verse 5**

**John 17:5 (NASB)** – <sup>5</sup> And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You **before the world existed.**

**Key:** Jesus is asking Father to return Him to His original state before the World even began!



**Genesis 1:26 (AMP)** – <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “**Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)** make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness]; and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over the entire earth, and over everything that creeps *and* crawls on the earth.”

**Key:** Christ is done praying for Himself; now He comes next to pray for those that are His.

**Verse 6-8**

**John 17:6-8 (NASB)** – <sup>6</sup>“I have revealed Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have followed Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have come to know that everything which You have given Me is from You; <sup>8</sup> for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.



### **5-Fold Grace Revealed In This Passage:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost, Jesus made sure that those who followed Him knew who God the Father was.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, He made clear His stewardship of what belonged to the Father.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Words He spoke were also the Words of the Father.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, He made sure He relayed that they did not just hear but they followed the Word.
- 5<sup>th</sup>, they believed that Jesus was the Son of the True G-d.

### **Verse 9-10**

**John 17:9-10 (NASB)** – <sup>9</sup>I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on the behalf of those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours; <sup>10</sup>and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.



**Understanding:** The original Disciples were chosen to learn His teachings, witness His life and miracles, and share His Gospel to help build His Church. In other words, pay attention to what He did and said and then **DO IT and SAY IT!**

### **Verse 11**

**John 17:11 (NASB)** – <sup>11</sup>I am no longer *going to be* in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as *We are*.

- Jesus is not focused on material blessing to be given to the Disciples when He leaves them.
- He does not pray that they might be rich and great in the world.
- He prays that they be kept in Father's name.

**Question:** What does it mean to be “**kept in Father’s name**”?

**Answer:** Jesus is asking Father to do what He did in the earth, protect, sustain, and keep them united in His own Power, Authority and Character.

**Verse 12**

**John 17:12 (NASB)** – <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name, which You have given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished except the son of destruction, so that the **Scripture would be fulfilled**.

(**Psalm 41:9** - Prophecy of a close friend, eating at the same table, lifting a heel against him.)

**Understanding:** “son of destruction” = “**son of perdition**”; refers specifically to **Judas Iscariot**.

**John 6:70 (NASB)** – <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve? And *yet* one of you is a devil.”

**Note:** Jesus remained Faithful until the End. He stewarded the elect of G-d without losing even one! Now He has put the elect back into their Father’s hands!

**The End**