

RED LETTER PRAYERS series

Week 6 outline

7.28.19

John 17:1-5

Jesus Prays for Himself

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I. "These Things" (John 16:5-33)

A. Jesus Teaches About the Holy Spirit (John 16:5-8)

-v7 - "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you"

1. Jesus knew his death was for the world's benefit
2. Jesus trusted in God to provide for Him AND the ones he loves

B. Jesus Instructs About Using His Name in Prayer (John 16:23)

-v23 - "In that day you will not questions Me about anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you"

1. Truly, truly was the bible's way of underlining and highlighting! What I am saying **IS** true!

C. Jesus Speaks Plainly (John 16:28-30)

-v28 - "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father." 29 His disciples said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. 30 Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God."

1. Although the disciples had been with him for 3 years, there was still much they did not understand. Finally, the veil was lifted and their eyes opened to understanding.

D. Jesus Encourages His Followers (John 16:33)

- v 33 - "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

II. Jesus' Eyes Lifted Toward Heaven (John 17:1)

A. Posture is Important

-v1 - "Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said..."

1. positioning your heart in surrender to Jesus is most important.
2. . Physically positioning your body to engage with Jesus can help.
 1. Making time
 2. Making space
 3. Tuning in to the Spirit and being led in your posture... bow, stand, kneel, etc.

B. Glorify...

v1 - "**Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,**"

1. Glorify - to make glorious by bestowing honor, praise, or admiration.... to elevate
2. Jesus would glorify God on the cross.
3. God would glorify Jesus at the resurrection and ascension.

III. Jesus' Authority (John 17:2)

A. Authority over flesh

v2a - ***“even as You gave Him authority over all flesh that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.”***

1. Jesus cared for and protected those God have given him on the earth.
2. All things on Earth are subject to His authority.
3. All things in Heaven are subject to His authority.
4. Jesus loved His disciples, and wanted them to have the ultimate gift; eternal life.

IV. Eternal Life (John 17:3)

A. Jesus' definition of Eternal Life: Knowing the only True God, and Jesus Christ

v3 - ***“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”***

1. Eternal life means more than living forever
2. Eternal life isn't a thing you earn, but a person you know intimately
3. Eternal life doesn't start when you die, it starts the moment you begin a relationship with Jesus.

V. Bringing Glory (John 17:4-5)

A. To God

v4 - ***“I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.”***

1. Obedience is God's Love Language
2. Jesus' obedience on the cross brought glory to God by:
 - A. Revealing God's sovereignty
 - B. Showing God's compassion
 - C. Bringing God's redemption

B. To Jesus

v5a - ***“Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself***

1. God would glorify Jesus:
 - A. In His Death
 - B. In the resurrection
 - C. In seating Him at the right hand of the Father. (Stephens testimony in Acts 7)

C. Together

v5 - ... ***“Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”***

1. Jesus and God are constantly giving each other Glory
2. Jesus IS God and was WITH God even before the world began!

3. Questions:

1. How can I improve my posture before the Lord with my body and heart?
2. Am I experiencing eternal life here and now?
3. What conversation do you need to have with Jesus to live in His eternal life more fully?