

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Jesus Prayed For His Mission

Text : John 17:1-5

Introduction :

1. This is truly the Lord's Prayer.
2. In the first part of this prayer, as we will examine today, He prays for His own.
3. This prayer is the first as High Priest, the Intercessor for God's people.
4. These first few verses tell us about the mission of Jesus.

Discussion :

I. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' MISSION (v.1)

- A. To give His life - "*The hour is come*" ...
- B. To give His sacrifice - suffering, death, burial, resurrection ...
- C. To glorify His Father - sometime you need to read how many times this phrase appears

II. THE POWER OF JESUS' MISSION (v.2)

- A. Power unlimited - "*Over all flesh*" ...
- B. Power unhindered - "*Give eternal life*" ...
- C. Power unmatched - "*To as many as you have given*" ...

III. THE PROCLAMATION OF JESUS' MISSION (v.3)

- A. The message - "*This is life eternal*" ...
- B. The motive - to know the Lord "*The only true God*" ...
- C. The means - anyway by which someone may know "*the Father and the Son*" ...

IV. THE PROVIDENCE OF JESUS' MISSION (v.4) - "*I have*" is used 10 times

- A. He revealed God to men - "*I have glorified You on the earth*" ...
- B. He redeemed mankind - "*I have finished*" ...
- C. He reconciled men to God - "*The work which You have given Me to do*" ...

V. THE PETITION OF JESUS' MISSION (v.5)

- A. Glorification - "*Glorify Me*" ...
- B. Magnification - "*Together with Yourself*" ...
- C. Exaltation - "*With the glory which I had with You before the world was*" ...

Conclusion :

1. This is not a prayer for Deity, but that His Deity would be revealed
2. Through the work of Christ, eternal life is provided.
3. Through the Word, eternal life is proclaimed.
4. Through us, eternal life is performed.
5. All we have to do is except Jesus, believe in Him, repent, confess, and be baptized.
6. Are you ready to prove to Jesus that His mission for you was not in vain.