

## John 17: The Great High Priest

### Lesson Theme: As High Priest, Jesus Intercedes for Us

Hebrews 9:11-12—

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

### John 17:1-5: Glorify the Son

1. Jesus set the example of how we are to pray: first, for ourselves—that our lives would bring glory to God. (John 17:1)
2. Jesus knew His hour had come to go to the cross. He prayed that the Father would glorify Him through this work, so that He may glorify the Father. Jesus was given authority over all flesh as the Last Adam, to give eternal life. (John 17:1-2)

**Romans 5:12-19**

3. Eternal life is knowing (Gr: *ginosko*) God—through a personal, experiential relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Ginosko*—to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel; to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of

1 John 4:16—

And we have known (Gr: *ginosko*) and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

4. Jesus asked the Father to complete the work of eternal redemption in the world they created. (John 17:4-5)

Revelation 21:1-3—

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

## John 17:6-26: Sanctify Them by Your Truth

5. Jesus continues by praying for His disciples. They would be the foundation of the church and apostles of the new covenant. (John 17:6-8)  
**Ephesians 2:19-22; Revelation 21:14**
6. Once Jesus departed from the earth, the apostles and prophets of the early church would be the teachers and writers of the new testament—it is through their teaching and writings by the authority of the Holy Spirit that the whole counsel of the Word of God would be completed. (John 17:9-19)
7. Next, Jesus prays for all members of the Body of Christ who will believe in Him according to the apostles' teachings and word that we all be One in Christ, that the world may believe Jesus was sent as the Savior of the World and that we are loved by God as the Father loves the Son. (John 17:20-23)
8. Finally, Jesus prays that those who are His would be with Him in heaven to behold His glory which the Father gave Him. (John 17:24-26)  
The chiasmic structure of this while section in John (John 14-17)

John 14:1-3—

**"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."**

### Conclusion:

- Jesus' High Priestly Prayer is a rock-solid confirmation of our faith in Jesus Christ. Since Jesus prays according to the Father's perfect will, we know His prayers will be answered exactly perfectly. We can rest in His prayer over us that God has already accomplished it. **Jesus is coming soon to take us to the Father's House.**