

John 17

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The High Priestly Prayer

¹ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

Eternal — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaio** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

Sanctify — ἁγιάζω (Hagiazō)

To sanctify, make holy

The Greek **hagiazō** (ἁγιάζω) means to sanctify or make holy—setting apart for God. Christ sanctifies believers: 'by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all' (Hebrews 10:10).

CROSS REFERENCES

John 17:1

References Jesus: John 7:39; 11:4; 11:41; 12:23; Acts 3:13. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 123:1; Mark 14:41; 1 Peter 1:21

John 17:2 **Parallel theme:** John 3:35; 6:37; 6:39; 17:6; 17:9; 17:24; Matthew 28:18. **Eternal Life:** John 4:14; Daniel 7:14; 1 John 5:20

John 17:3 **Eternal Life:** 1 John 5:20. **Parallel theme:** John 17:21; 17:23; 17:25; Hosea 6:3. **References God:** John 3:17; 3:34; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 61:1. **Truth:** 1 John 4:6

John 17:4 **Parallel theme:** John 4:34; 9:3; 14:31; 15:10; 19:30; Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7. **Glory:** John 12:28; 14:13

John 17:5 **Parallel theme:** John 1:18; 8:58; 10:30; 14:9; Matthew 25:34; Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 1:10; 1 Peter 1:20. **Glory:** John 17:24; Hebrews 1:3

John 17:6 **Parallel theme:** John 6:37; 15:19; 17:2; 17:24; 17:26; Psalms 22:22; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 3:6; 1 John 5:20. **Word:** Revelation 3:8

John 17:7 **Parallel theme:** John 8:28; 14:20; 16:15; 17:10

John 17:8 **Word:** John 12:49; 17:14. **Parallel theme:** John 8:42; 15:15; Proverbs 1:3; 1 John 4:14. **Faith:** John 16:27; 16:30; 17:21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

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John 17:16 **Parallel theme:** John 17:14

John 17:17 **Word:** John 15:3; Psalms 119:9; 119:11; 119:160; Ephesians 5:26; James 1:21.
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Word: Acts 2:41. **Faith:** Acts 4:4; Romans 16:26. **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 4:11

John 17:21 **Parallel theme:** John 10:30; 13:35; 17:11; Zechariah 14:9; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12. **Faith:** John 10:38; 17:8; Acts 4:32; Philippians 1:27

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John 17:23 **Parallel theme:** John 17:21; 1 Peter 5:10; 1 John 1:3. **Love:** John 13:35; 16:27; 17:24; 17:26; Colossians 3:14; 1 John 3:1. **Creation:** 1 Corinthians 1:30

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John 17:25 **Parallel theme:** John 7:29; 8:55; 10:15; 15:21; 16:27; 17:8; 17:11; Luke 10:22; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 8:11

John 17:26 **Love:** John 15:9; 17:23. **Parallel theme:** John 8:50; 14:20; 15:4; 15:15; 17:6; Psalms 22:22; Ephesians 5:32; Hebrews 2:12

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