WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

Praying for Glory

John 17:1-5

Big Idea: Believers in Jesus Christ pray to see God glorified, and to glorify God in their lives.

Definitions:

- Glory: "in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honour, and glory." – Enhanced Strong's Lexicon
- **Glorify:** "To cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged."⁵

Outline:

- The Father Glorifies the Son. John 17:1-5, 12:20-32; Hebrews 1:3.
- The Son Glorifies the Father. John 17:4, 2:11, 5:17-19, 11:40.
- The Son Is Glorified in His Disciples. John 17:10, 1:14.
- The Son Shares His Glory with His Disciples. John 17:22, 5:19, 10:30, 14:9; Isaiah 42:8, 48:11.
- There Is More Glory to Come. John 17:24, Proverbs 3:35, Colossians 3:4, 1 Peter 5:10, 2 Thessalonians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Romans 8:18.

Review: Abiding

- Abiding <u>Includes</u>: Obedience, Bible study, love, asking, receiving.
- Abiding <u>Yields</u>: Joy!
- Follow the Joy: John 15:11, 16:20, 16:24.
- See also: John 17:13; Acts 13:52, 15:3; Romans 14:17; Hebrews 12:2; James 1:2; 3 John 4.

Invitation:

- Live a glory-centered life in Christ.
 - From the Westminster Shorter Catechism: "Question 1:
 What is the chief end of man? Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."
 - Seek to glorify God in all that you do.
 - In yourself by knowing him more abiding in him.
 - To others by living and proclaiming the truth.
- Begin praying for glory:
 - Pray for the glory of God to be revealed to you. (See Exodus 33:18-23, 34:29-35.
 - o Pray for God to be glorified by you and your church.
- Note that devotion to the glory of God makes success in evangelism about obedience to do it, not in perceived "results."



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⁵ Strong, James. *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon* 1995 : n. pag. Print.