

AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT:
A STUDY OF THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER OF OUR LORD
(JOHN 17:1-26)

Topics: ♦ **The Chief End of Jesus Christ (17:1-5)** ♦ The Only Heaven There Is (17:3) ♦ What Makes a Good Disciple (17:6-8) ♦ Us and the World (17:9-11) ♦ What Jesus Wants for Us, I: Our Preservation (17:11-16) ♦ What Jesus Wants for Us, II: Our Sanctification (17:17-19) ♦ What Jesus Wants for Us, III: Our Unity (17:20-23) ♦ What Jesus Wants for Us, IV: His Glory (17:24-25) ♦ Immortally Beloved (17:26)

THE CHIEF END OF JESUS CHRIST (JN 17:1-5)

I. The Farewell Discourse (Jn 13-17)

II. The Chief End of Jesus Christ (Jn 17:1-5)

- A. Why It Is Important to Study John 17
 - 1. It summarizes the past and explains the future
 - 2. It reveals the heart of Jesus
- B. Jesus Asks to Be Glorified, I (17:1)
 - 1. The meaning of “glorify”
 - 2. The reason for Jesus’ request for glory
— the glory of the Father
- C. A Basis for Glorification, I (17:2)
— The Father has given Jesus authority over all flesh (see Jn 3:35)
- D. The Definition of Eternal Life (17:3)
- E. A Basis for Glorification, II
— Jesus has completed the work God gave him (17:4)
- F. Jesus Asks to Be Glorified, II (17:5)
- G. Summary:
 - 1. Why Jesus asked to be glorified
 - a. To glorify God the Father
 - b. To become the source of life for us
 - 2. The basis on which Jesus may be glorified
 - a. God the Father has promised him authority over all life.
 - b. Jesus has completed the will of God on earth.

III. The Chief End of Man

- A. Now that Jesus Christ and God the Father have been glorified by one another, our response must be **worship**. We worship God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son because they have glorified one another.
- B. How do we worship God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord?
 - 1. By depending on them for eternal life (Jn 3:16; 20:30-31)

2. By devoting ourselves to their glory (Rom 3:23; 11:36; 1 Cor 10:31)
3. By enjoying them (17:24)

Questions for further discussion:

1. Why is it important to study John 17?
2. On what grounds does Jesus ask for glorification?
3. What purposes does his glorification serve? Who benefits from the glorification of Christ?
4. What does “glorify” mean?
5. God the Father has glorified Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ has glorified God the Father. What does this have to do with us?