

The Christian Purpose

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John 17:6-8

The two greatest days in a person's life? The day you were born and the day you find out why. Jesus said in **John 17:10**, "*I am glorified in them.*" **John 17:18**, *As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*

We underestimate the power of our lives and fail to understand how God wants to use our lives and bodies as a testimony in the world. Martin Lloyd-Jones said it this way, "*What, then, are we called to do? Perhaps we can sum it up like this: we are meant to be living proof of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ has finished the work which the Father sent Him to do.*" To do this effectively, we must know what this "work" is that the Father sent the Son to accomplish.

Luke 19:10, *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* **Matthew 20:28**, *Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.* **John 10:10**, *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* **John 8:12**, *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* **Matthew 9:13**, *Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*

Jesus has come to enable believers to glorify Him and be sent into the world as witnesses of His glory!

I. Quick Review

- A. Our relationship with God (Yahweh) is built upon the Son's relationship with the Father (**John 17:1-5**).
 - 1. Mutual glory Father to Son and Son to Father.
 - a) The Father has glorified the Son. **John 17:1**, *"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,*
 - b) The Son glorifies the Father (**John 17:4**, *I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.* **John 17:5**, *And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*
 - 2. The Son has been given authority over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
 - 3. Knowing Christ is eternal life.
- B. Why Jesus is praying for us (Because of who and what they are in Christ)
 - 1. Our Security - Because the Father has gifted the Son with believers.
 - a) **John 17:6** *"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me..."*
 - 2. Our Sanctification - Because believers are not of this world
 - a) **John 17:6** *"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world.*
 - b) **John 17:9**, *I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.*
 - 3. Our Doctrine - Because believers recognize Jesus as the Son of God
 - a) **John 17:7**, *Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.*
 - b) **John 17:8**, *For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.*
 - 4. Our Practice - Because they are obedient to the Word
 - a) **John 17:6**, *"and they have kept your word.*
 - b) **John 17:8**, *For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.*

II. How Do We Glorify Christ? (1 Corinthians 1:27-31, esp. vs. 30)

- A. He is our Wisdom - By recognizing Christ's purpose when He came into the world. (**1 Corinthians 1:22-24**, *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*)
- B. He is our Righteousness (Galatians 2:20)
 - 1. There is power within us through Christ to resist temptation and sin

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- a) **James 4:7**, *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
 - b) **1 Peter 5:8–9**, *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*
 - 2. There is love within us for God's people
 - a) **1 John 3:14**, *We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*
 - 3. There is hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - a) **Matthew 5:6**, *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*
 - b) **Philippians 3:10**, *That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*
 - 4. There is victory over the world
 - a) **1 John 5:4**, *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. This is strength, endurance, perseverance, which is the result of Christ and our faith in Him.*
 - C. He is our Sanctification
 - 1. The ability for a believer to glorify the Son is only found in the Holy Spirit
 - a) **John 14:16–17** *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*
 - b) **John 14:26**, *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
 - c) **John 15:26**, *"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."*
 - d) **John 16:13–14**, *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*
 - 2. The believer glorifies Christ by manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22–23**, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*)
 - a) It is a fruit, singular, that is the result of walking in agreement with the Spirit and Christ.
 - b) Being a singular fruit, it has every characteristic listed in one fruit.
 - c) The fruit of the Spirit keeps us from legalism and self-will and in dependence on Christ.
 - D. He is our Redemption
 - 1. Believers glorify Christ in the way that they die. Christ has taken the sting out of death for the believer. **Philippians 1:21**, *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

III. Light for our Path

- A. Morning Prayer – *"Father, I believe you are Who You say You are today and I am one of yours through whom Christ is to be glorified. I am not here for myself, or for anything I want to do, the main thing for me this day is that Christ be glorified in me before the world."*
- B. Noon Prayer – *"Father, I am yours and one through whom Christ is to be glorified and praised."*
- C. Night Prayer – *"Father, I praise this day for the opportunities the Holy Spirit's power in my life to glorify you."* Ask yourself:
 - 1. Have I glorified Christ in my life today?
 - 2. Have I manifested the fruit of the Spirit today?
 - 3. Have I lived in the peace of God today?
 - 4. Have I lived in such a way today that made people look towards Christ with a longing to know Him?