

A Life Well Spent: Jesus Prays for Himself

John 17:1-5

📖 Hebrews 4:14–16 (NIV84) “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

📖 Hebrews 7:24–25 (NIV84) “...Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”

📖 John 17:1–5 (NIV84) “After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

EARTHLY LIFE IS MORE THAN LIVING FOR OURSELVES.

📖 John 16:33–17:1 (NIV84) “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” ^{17:1} After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.”

📖 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV84) “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

📖 Luke 19:10 (ESV) “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

📖 Colossians 1:16 (NIV84) “For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.”

📖 John 17:4–5 (NIV84) “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

ETERNAL LIFE IS MORE THAN LIVING FOREVER.

📖 John 17:2–3 (NIV84) “For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

📖 John 1:12 (NIV84) “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God”

📖 Romans 6:23 (NIV84) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

📖 1 John 5:20 (NLT) “...the Son of God has come, and He has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and He is eternal life.”

📖 Hebrews 13:6 (NIV84) “So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

Digging Deeper What is your life’s purpose? Why are you here? Your earthly life is meant to bring GLORY to God, in what ways are you doing that? Will you be able to say to God, “I brought You glory with my life by completing the work You gave me to do.”?  Jesus is praying for you right now. —What do you think He is praying about? What do you hope He is praying about? Have you ever thought about eternal life as starting now? Do you pray with confidence? Are you confident in Christ?