

The Prayer Life of Jesus: On Their Behalf



Scripture

- **John 17:1-12**

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,² even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.³ This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.⁴ I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.⁶ “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.⁷ Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You;⁸ for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.⁹ I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;¹⁰ and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as *We are*.¹² While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Other Scriptures

- 2 Cor. 5:17
- 1 John 4:17
- Romans 8:29-30
- John 10:26

Main Points

- Understanding the prayer life of Jesus helps us enter into a new realm of knowing God.
- The Lord wants us to identify ourselves as new creations and not as sinners.
- Your destiny is to have Jesus glorified through your life.
- The primary definition of eternal life in the Bible is to know God and to know Jesus.
- If we love God, we do the work that God has given us to do.
- We can’t separate loving God from working for God.
- The Father is keeping you.

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- God wants you to feel safe and secure in Him.
- You will be guarded all the days of your life.

Discussion Questions

1. Once we have become new creations in Jesus Christ, saved by His grace, how are we to regard the past and how should we be concentrating our thinking and lives afterwards?
2. Have you asked God to be glorified in your life? What are some of the works that God wants you to do as an extension of your love for Him?
3. What does “knowing Jesus” mean? How is it different from a religious knowledge of Him?
4. How does knowing that God is guarding your life give you boldness to be the light on the hill for Him? As He leads you, will you step out and be His witness?