

Glory for Father and Son *John 17:1-5*

Why is this prayer so unique?

Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer" divides into three sections:

(1) For Himself, 1-5 (2) For disciples, 6-19 (3) For church, 20-26

Petition for glory through His death (1-3)

- ◆ *the hour*: Jesus' passion / resurrection / exaltation, 12:23-24, 13:1
- ◆ Why is this request for glory not selfish? See 12:23-24, 13:31-32 and the live-giving result of this glorious / heroic death in vss. 2,3
- ◆ We can't pray exactly like this, but we can pray . . .

Confession of glory from His life's work (4)

- ◆ Here is a confident confession of a life focused on glorifying God, which assumes final success at the cross, Jn. 1:14, 4:31, 19:30.
- ◆ We can't pray exactly like this, but we can sound . . .

Petition for glory restored after death (5)

- ◆ This second request for glory (a shared glory w/the Father) isn't about a heroic sacrifice but about great splendor and majesty.
- ◆ Note this request is for a restoration of earlier divine "status quo" (Jn. 1:1) with no mention of reward for all His sufferings. But we are hardly surprised later to read what happens--Phil. 2:6-11.
- ◆ We can't pray exactly like this, but we can expect . . .

