



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 17:1-5
From Sermon 3.2.25

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: We now arrive at the major shift we said was coming. Jesus is no longer talking to the Apostles about their days ahead. But is, instead, conversing with the Father regarding His days ahead. This is easily the longest and most intimate prayer recorded in Scripture. We are given privileged access into the throne room and Godhead. Many view this chapter as the pinnacle of Christ's words in His earthly ministry. We are blessed to spend intentional, devoted time in this section.

1. The Real Lord's Prayer vs the Model Prayer. Read *Matthew 6:9-13*. Why would we need to better clarify the tradition of calling that the Lord's Prayer? Jesus gave that as a model prayer for believers. He could never pray that (entire) prayer because it addresses both need and repentance—neither of which He would ever have. Conversely, we cannot fully pray John chapter 17, since we are not divine, fully faithful, and glorified.

2. Jesus speaks here of authority. What authority does Jesus possess? All. Ruler of all things created. He had/has the power to forgive sin, alter nature, and grant eternal life. The authority to judge and condemn. See also *Matthew 28:18*.

2a. How does knowing Jesus has full authority comfort and help you in your walk? Personal Answers

3. In verse 3, Jesus prayed "that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ." What's the difference between shallow head knowledge and the intimate saving knowledge Jesus prays here? Someone can have a sound theology—and understanding of God's nature and believe that He is and still be far from salvation. They can even know the Bible. Even the demons know Jesus is God, but they are not saved. The context of saving knowledge is that of oneness—of faith—and of submission.

4. How does that compliment Jesus' use of "Father" and our permission to do the same? It shows the deep relationship we enter into through grace. The result of being known by God is adoption into sonship and becoming co-heirs with Christ. See *Romans 8:15-17*

5. What Messiah requirements did Jesus meet? All of them. He checked every box. I.e.: The Virgin birth. Fully obeyed the Law. Corrected false teaching. Fulfilled all Messianic prophecies (hundreds). Proclaimed good news to the captives. Abolished the debt we owed. Died, was buried, and resurrected. Ascended back to the Father to be our heavenly High Priest. This also spills over into His "finished work" statement.

6. What would it mean if Jesus hadn't faithfully finished all the work He was assigned? That He is not God. We would not be secure in our salvation. The price for sin would still need to be rendered.

7. In the end, who will worship Jesus and ascribe Him glory? Everyone. Believers and non-believers. Angels and demons. See also *Revelation 5:11-14* & *Philippians 2:8-11*