

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 4, 2007**

**The High Priestly Prayer of Christ
John 17:1-2
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Who did Christ pray for in His high priestly prayer?

Christ in John 17:1-5 prayed for Himself.

Jesus in John 17:1-5 prayed for His glorification.

When Jesus, based on the context of John 17, referred to “the hour” as now having come, He was referring not only to the hour of His death but also to His resurrection, ascension and coronation.

Christ prayed that in light of this hour that had now come upon Him and all the events He associated with that hour that His Father would glorify Him.

Christ’s death glorified Him because it manifested His perfect obedience, His infinite love, and His complete mastery over all things essential to the perfect culmination of His Father’s redemptive plan.

Christ’s resurrection, ascension, and coronation glorified Him because these events displayed His person, power, and majesty in a way that had not been seen during the course of His incarnation.

Christ wanted to be glorified in order that through His glorification He might glorify His Father.

The desire to glorify God so that He might be displayed in all of His beauty needs to be the driving force of our lives and therefore all our prayers (Colossians 1:16).

Christ's glorification in the midst of the hour that had come upon Him would glorify His Father because Christ's glorification would allow His Father's redemptive plan to move forward (John 17:2).

If Christ were not glorified, then His Father would not have been able to be glorified, because Christ would not have been able to provide life to those whom His Father had chosen.

May God give us the grace to see how we might glorify God in each and every circumstance we find ourselves and may He give us the grace to pray accordingly.