



Sermon Notes

Series: The Most Amazing Prayer Ever – John 17

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Sermon: **Why Does Jesus Pray for You? John 17:6-10**

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Eternal life is more than how long you live but _____.

Eternal life is not just adding years to your life, but adding _____ to your years.

WHY DOES JESUS PRAY FOR YOU?

1. Jesus prays for you because He _____ you. You belong to God!

- Jesus prayed, “I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.” (John 17:9)

2. Jesus prays for you because you belong to _____. You are *in Christ!*

- Jesus prayed, “Everything I have is yours, and everything you have is mine, and I am glorified in them.” (John 10:10)
- The Apostle Paul wrote, “*God* also raised us up with *Jesus* and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,” (Ephesus 2:6)
- The Apostle John wrote, “My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. (Here is the standard. God could not have a lower standard.) But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father —Jesus Christ the righteous one.” (1 John 2:1)
- “Therefore, *Jesus* is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since *Jesus* always lives to intercede for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)

3. Jesus prays for you because His _____ is shone in you.

- Jesus prayed, “Everything I have is yours, and everything you have is mine, and I am glorified in them.” (John 17:10)
- True believers believe that Jesus is the _____ sent from God! (John 17:8)
- Jesus is always praying for you, because He is _____ in you. (John 17:10)



LIFE GROUP Questions

Please Fill Out the Following BEFORE Arriving at Your Life Group

1. SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS:

2. SERMON REVIEW: What was the one big thing from Sunday's worship/sermon that blessed, encouraged, confused, or challenged you?

3. DIGGING DEEPER: *(In your Life Group, discuss your answers of as many of the following as time allows)*

In the Old Testament, the priests were appointed by God to offer sacrifices, make intercession, and praise to God on behalf of God's people. In so doing, the priests made the people acceptable to come into God's presence, albeit in a limited way. The word *intercession* means "to approach, to appeal, to make petition."

a) Read **Hebrews 7:23-28**

In the New Testament Jesus becomes our great high priest. He was both our priest and our sacrifice, making us forever acceptable in God's presence, with unlimited access! In Hebrews 7, Jesus is revealed as the only Priest that we will ever need. As a perfect, holy priest, Jesus goes between us and God the Father as our advocate. Jesus makes petitions to God on my behalf. He is our representative. He is our mediator in salvation and our mediator in heaven.

b) What does **Hebrews 9:11-14 & 26** teach us about this truth?

c) What does **Hebrews 10:19-25** teach us about this truth?

In the man Christ Jesus, our humanity has been exalted. He is a perfect man in heaven continually glorifying God through intercession for the redeemed. The Apostle Paul exclaimed, "**...there is one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus**" (**1 Timothy 2:5**). It is amazing when you think about the fact that a man has been exalted to the high priest position forever in the presence of God! He is one of us! And He represents us!

But Jesus is not just a man, He is Divine. He is the God-man. And through His Divine power He is able to pray for all believers continually without pause! WOW. What a great salvation we have in Christ!

One of the most encouraging news found in the Bible about prayer is that Jesus has made it his continuing purpose to pray for us: "**Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.**" (**Hebrews 7:25 CSB**). Jesus never stops praying for us. He is always before the throne of God pleading our case and sharing our cause with the Father.

d) What does it mean to you that we have a God who is there, who cares, who is interceding for us?

4. APPLICATION: Jesus is our way of access to God so that we can continually go into God's presence without fear but with confidence and in full assurance of faith. When I don't know how to pray, it is good to see that Jesus is praying for me. It is also good to know that the Holy Spirit is praying for me (**Romans 8:26-27**). When we pray, we join a prayer meeting that Jesus is already leading for us. Spend time praying and thanking Jesus for His amazing grace and love for you. And make a request to Him on behalf of someone else ... be an intercessor.