

“Jesus’s High Priestly Prayer”:
His Heart/Our Direction
Sermon Notes

- **In Jesus’s High Priestly Prayer, Jesus shows us His heart, and in so doing, teaches us the direction toward which He would have us live and pray.**

**Jesus desired three things.*

1. Jesus prayed for, and taught us to live and pray for, His Own glory.

2. Jesus prayed for, and taught us to live and pray for the edification of His Own people.

3. Jesus prayed for, and taught us to live and pray for, the unification of His church.

Benediction: Aaronic Blessing: Numbers 6:24-26

Next Week: “All These With One Accord”:
Learning Prayer from the Early Church

Ubi Caritas

[YouTube Link to Ubi Caritas](#)

Latin text

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in
unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus, et in ipso
Jucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus
Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est. Amen

English translation

Where charity and love are,
there God is.

The love of God's anointed
has gathered us into one.

Let us exult, and in God be
Joyful.

Let us revere and let us
love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let
us serve one another.

Where charity and love are,
there is God. Amen.

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of July 18th-24th

In Jesus's High Priestly Prayer, Jesus shows us His heart, and in so doing, teaches us the direction for which we are to live and pray.

Getting Started

1) *In His first petition, Jesus prays for His own glory.*

- a. Is His own glory really necessary for salvation? (Acts 4:12; John 14:6)
- b. Why does Jesus ask for the glory in His Father's Presence as before the beginning of the world? What is Jesus alluding to? (Philippians 2:8-11)

Digging Deeper

Open Your Bible to:

2) *Read Isaiah 43:1-7. Zero in on vs 4 in particular. Also, John 3:16, John 4:7-8, and Ephesians 2:4-5.*

So many theologians center in on human unworthiness over God's love for His people when talking of the human need for salvation. It is true, we are unworthy, but according to the verses above, which is the more important focus? God's love or human unworthiness?

- a) Which is a greater motivator for you?

3) *Share a time in which you were either touched and motivated by benediction, or good speaker. or share a time in which you used it to touch and motivate others.*

- a) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Psalm 5:9. What is the difference between biblical benediction which edifies and flattery?

4) *Read John 17:13, and John 17:24. Also Matthew 6:33.*

- a) Do you see a connection between the ideas of earthly joy and heavenly glory?
- b) How does Jesus teach us to escape worry and temptation?

5) *Read John 17:17-19.*

- a) Jesus prays for the disciples' sanctification. Jesus also points out that He Himself will also sanctify Himself. In today's sermon, we learned that sanctification is the process of "holy-ing people up," or the process of

becoming more holy.

- i) How will the disciples become sanctified?
- ii) How does Jesus consecrate Himself?
- iii) For what purpose does Jesus consecrate Himself?

Working through the Bible in Its Own, Fuller Context.

6) Read John 17:17. Then Read Matthew 5:13-14. Then Matthew 17:22-23.

- a) Does the concept of sanctification according to God's Word adhere or conflict with the idea of Christian unity?
- b) What happens when Christians do good works together in the sight of the non-believing world?
- c) Can you think of a time when a Christian leader or group has chosen to break away from doing good works with other Christians due to political reasons, or over doctrinal issues of secondary importance?
- d) Can you think of a time when good works, or beautiful acts of support and solidarity served to bring others closer to Jesus, or even served to bring others to the cross of Christ?

7) According to John 17:24 and Matthew 6:33, what should be our focus when we are worried, or moved toward a suspicion of other believers which may result in discord or schism?

For Further Study:

Read Jesus's *Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew 5-7. In Particular, focus on Matthew 5. How might Jesus's sermon support, or challenge your idea of what it means to live and pray for 1) God's glory, 2) the edification of His saints, and 3) the unification of His Church?

Soli Deo Gloria: To God Alone be the Glory!