

# UNEXPECTED PRAYER

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John 17:1-19

## Tags

The Gospel of John, Jesus, words, lifted, eyes, heaven, Father, hour, glorify, glory, authority, eternal life, know, God, true, Jesus Christ, sent, glorified, work, world, existed, manifested, word, words, truth, believed, sent, Holy Father, name, one, unity, guarded, destruction, Scripture, joy, hated, evil one, sanctify, consecrate, sanctified

## Introduction

The moment of Jesus' crucifixion is at hand. What does Jesus do? He pauses to pray and the disciples listen to an UNEXPECTED PRAYER between Jesus and the Father. He longs for the glory he enjoyed before there was any created thing, but in his kindness he prays for the Holy Father to watch over his friends.

Christians live in the world, but Jesus still intercedes with the Father on our behalf. Jesus wants us to have his joy, to be set apart by holy lives, and to live with the mission always in front of us. This UNEXPECTED PRAYER is for you.

## Outline

Prayer changes the way we see everything else (v. 1).

Eternal life is not something you add, it is a new spiritual condition and reality (vv. 2-3).

When you treasure Christ, you keep his word (v. 6).

Disciples should be a vehicle for God's glory (v. 10).

Christians are in the world, we have been put here to be different and make a difference (vv. 14-16).

Joy, holiness, and mission mark the people of God (vv. 18-19).

## Application

Do you know God?

**How are you treasuring Christ?**

**Do people see joy, holiness, and mission in your life?**

### **Questions**

1. Describe a time when prayer changed you.
2. How would you explain what it means to know God versus knowing about God?
3. What are some ways you treasure Christ?
4. Define sanctification. Is it God's work or your work? (It is God's work, but there is work for us to do—Ephesians 2:10).
5. How does the Bible help us think God's thoughts after him?