

# Christ's Priestly Prayer in John 17

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## Other Aspects of Christ's Work

In Christ's priestly prayer, we have focused on our Lord's work that He accomplished while here on Earth. Christ finished His work (John 17:4). Paul finished his course (II Timothy 4:7). Are we running the race that is set before us? See Hebrews 12:1-3 cp. II Timothy 2:1-7. The list of seven things Christ accomplished on Earth is here listed again, accompanied with another list of defining phrases:

1. **Christ glorified the father and finished the work given by the Father. John 17:1-4**
2. **Christ manifested (declared) the name of the Father unto His disciples. John 17:6,26**
3. **Christ gave the disciples the words and the word of the Father. John 17:8,14**
4. **Christ kept the disciples (gathered, taught and protected them). John 17:12**
5. **Christ sent His disciples into the world. John 17:18**
6. **Christ gave the disciples glory (i.e. a unifying purpose and power which comes from the Father and glorifies the Father). John 17:1,5,22**
7. **Christ knew the Father (i.e. was intimate with the Father and confessed Him to others). John 17:25-26**

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1. **Pleasing the Father.**
2. **Pointing to the Father.**
3. **Publishing the Father's Words.**
4. **Preserving the Father's People.**
5. **Propagation of the Gospel.**
6. **Partnership shared with Himself and with the Father.**
7. **Personal Intimacy shared with Himself and with the Father.**

**Let's also consider some things that Christ is still doing on a continual basis.**

**Jesus continually prays for us (John 17:9, 15,20).**

See Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:34; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:1.

Note: Christ does not pray for the world. He has delivered us from the world and is coming to judge it (Galatians 1:4; Acts 17:30-31; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; I John 2:15-17).

**Jesus continually speaks to us and through us (John 17:13).**

Jesus used the word "speak" in the present tense. He not only spoke while He was in the world (John 15:11; 16:33). He continues to speak. He is sharing His joy. The Spirit of Christ is directly dealing with people's souls through the Gospel. See John 5:21,24-26; 6:63.

**Jesus continually sanctifies Himself (John 17:19).**

"Sanctify" means to be set apart for Holy purposes. Jesus is alive and active in the administration of His kingdom. See Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:20; Acts 2:25-36 (Psalm 16:8-11; 110:1); I Peter 3:22. See also Matthew 18:20; Romans 1:5 (cp. 15:18); Philippians 4:13; Acts 18:9-10; Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16. We do not serve the memory of Christ. We serve the living Christ! See II Timothy 2:8-13.