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Jesus Prays  
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| **#Calvinism #Predestination #GodsChoice  John 17** |
| **Jesus’ Prays For:  Himself, vs’ 1-5 His Disciples, vs’ 6-19  All Believers vs’ 20-26**  **Prays for Himself**  **John 17:1-5** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-2.htm)As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-3.htm)And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-4.htm)I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-5.htm)And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.  **Dan 7:13-14** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,***[a](http://biblehub.com/niv/daniel/7.htm" \l "footnotes" \o "The Aramaic phrase bar enash means human being. The phrase son of man is retained here because of its use in the New Testament as a title of Jesus, probably based largely on this verse.)*** coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.  **Matt 11:25-27** At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. [**26**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/11-26.htm)Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. [**27**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/11-27.htm)“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  **There should be no doubt for the reader that by this time Jesus is laying claim to that which the Father sent Him to do and fulfill the promises that were made to Him and humanity.   In vs 2 we see Jesus stating that the Father has given him all authority over all flesh to choose whom He will reveal the Father. When and how does Jesus do that? 1. Humility, confession, repentance. All key parts of the Gospel of Jesus. >The Calvinist will view that everyone is picked arbitrarily because no one can do a work to save themselves.   > But, Jesus has conditions which he has placed upon the ‘choosing’ or choice select of God. Contrarily, God has chosen a way He hides the Gospel from those who won’t hear; pride, hard heartedness, unbelief, doubt, and hatred for truth.**  **Prayer for the Disciples**  **John 17:6-19** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-7.htm)Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-8.htm)For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-9.htm)I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-10.htm)And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-11.htm)And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-12.htm)While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-13.htm)And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-14.htm)I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-15.htm)I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-16.htm)They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-17.htm)Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. [**18**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-18.htm)As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-19.htm)And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.  **Vs 11 His disciples were to be one with the Son and the Father as the Son was One with the Father. This is true oneness theology vs. modalism.  Vs 12 we see that Judas is exempted so that Scripture may be fulfilled. Now, this may be a predestinated reprobation or that Jesus didn’t know which of the group would fulfill this role from the beginning of the ministry until the Last Supper when Judas sopped his bread with Jesus. >   >From the open view or limited open view, Jesus would know that someone would betray Him, that person would be revealed by fruits of sin, which led to the ultimate sin of betraying the Creator of the Universe!**  **Vs 14 the world hates the disciples? Say it isn’t so! Why because they are sanctified unto the Lord and from the world. This spiritual division that a person chooses to make with the Lord, then makes one reviled by the world; family, friends, coworkers, and enemies.**  **Vs 15 that God the Father would keep them from evil. Reminds me of the Lord’s prayer.**  **Vs 17 Confirms how they and we are sanctified by the truth in God’s Word. You can’t even begin to live holy without the Holy Spirit teaching you from the Word the doctrines Jesus taught.**  **All the thoughts Jesus communicates here in this prayer for His disciples are proven to be for them specifically not generally for all believers. How do I prove that? Vs 20-26 show that Jesus would pray for another group of disciples, the believers to come. The Calvinist would have you believe that vs’ 6-7 prove election according to that doctrine. I do believe at this point that these specific men were selected/elected by God including Judas to hear the teachings/works of Jesus and believe them or not. The son of perdition was selected, walked according to the Holy Spirit and then fell from the faith by thievery, lies, betrayal, and treachery. Lastly, committing suicide sealing his fate of worldly sorrow unto damnation from the beginning.   These situations beg the questions; Does God know everything; past, present, future? If He individually selects you how is your will free to surrender to Him? I believe in limited foreknowledge in the sense that God knows what He has spoken through the prophets, and will orchestrate situations and people in order to have that come to pass. This is the exception not the rule.  I believe God predestinates a group; aka ‘chosen’ which also translates as precious. It can mean premium, think of the best cut of beef, the best of the best. The gold and platinum of the vases that will adorn the Father’s house. Those that will choose to live holy according to God’s will and abide to the end.**  ***http://www.gospeltruth.net/mystery\_of\_christ.htm*** *Romans 8:29-30 reads: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."*  *Paul was not referring to particular individuals or a select number whom God willed to be eternally saved as the Calvinists teach, nor was he speaking of particular persons whom God foresaw would respond to the gospel as the Arminians teach. Paul was simply teaching that God knew long before the gospel was proclaimed to the nations of the world, that he was going to have a group of people (the Elect or the Church), who would be conformed to the image of his Son, that is he would have a people who were Christ-like in character.*  *God called Abraham in order that he might birth a people, and through that particular people another people of still greater significance. Abraham's election was for the sake of Israel; Israel's election was for the sake of all mankind. The choice of the one was for the good of the many, and the many will come from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation. (Rev. 5:9, 7:9, Gal. 3:26-29). It is not that God chose one and rejected others, but he chose one that all others might be chosen.* **Prayer for all Believers**  [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-20.htm)Neither pray I for these alone, **but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**[**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-21.htm)That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-22.htm)And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-23.htm)I in them, and thou in me, **that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**[**24**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-24.htm)**Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**  [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-25.htm)O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. [**26**](http://biblehub.com/john/17-26.htm)And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. |

**>Isn’t wonderful to know that Jesus prayed and prays for all believers that have ever been or ever will be until the end of the age?**

**>Vs 22 the glory the Father has given to Jesus, He then turns around and gives to us? I suppose this must be the anointing of the Holy Ghost and His Word. For no man can glory in His sight.**

*Psa 24:3-5 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

***1 Cor 1:27-31*** *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.* ***30****But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:* ***31****That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*

**>VS’ 20-25 point to Jesus’ desire for us to be at one with Him in perfection. That Jesus as He receives glory from the Father that with our love/obedience we would bring Jesus glory as well and even receive it?**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

**That Jesus’ prayers in John 17 do not support Calvinism. But, they are simply God’s expression of a holy people whom He wills to receive such a precious salvation.   
  
Demonstrates God Holy Character, Love, and Standards.**