

THE CONVERSATION AT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 5

BIG IDEA: As we look at Jesus' relationship with his Father in this prayer, we are awakened more to who God is, and the relationship we now have because of Jesus.

"Father, just as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us... I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." **John 17:21, 26**

Prayer. Father. Glory.

"After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed"
John 17:1

1. Jesus PRAYED. His was a prayer-soaked life.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." **Ps. 22:1**

"into your hands, I commit my spirit." **Psalms 31:5**

"Lord, teach us to pray" **Luke 11:1**

2. Jesus prayed in our hearing so we can...

Know his heart's desire.

Know what he's praying when he ascends to the throne.

"he always lives to intercede for them." **Hebrews 7:25**

Be caught up in his praying.

"Father, the hour has come." **John 17:1**

3. Jesus prays and lives completely within his RELATIONSHIP with his Father.

"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." **John 1:18**

"the hour has come, Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you... ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began." **John 17:1, 4-5**

4. The driving force in Jesus' life was GLORIFYING his Father.

1) **Luminosity**— (Luke 2:9; Mt. 17:2)

2) **Weightiness**— (Is. 6; Rev. 1:17f)

3) **Glory as a way of saying essence**— (Ex 33:18)

"I have glorified you (manifested your brilliance and the weight of your essence) on earth by completing the work that you have given me to do." **John 17:4 LEB**

"I have *manifested* you" **John 17:6** (1 Cor. 12:7)

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." **Hebrews 1:3-4**

"Lord Jesus Christ, beloved, eternal and faithful Son of the Father incarnate, share your knowledge of the Father's heart with me. Come into my darkness with your light. Search out my blindness and share your unearthly assurance with me in the place of my deepest fears. Find all my broken parts and bathe them with your Father's love. Send your Spirit to baptize my soul with your peace." —C. Baxter Kruger