



JESUS PRAYS IN OUR BEHALF

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PREPARATION FOR HIS DEPARTURE

The day is at hand, the Lord is near, and all who call upon Him will not go away empty or be ashamed. Wherever you go as a believer in the Lord Jesus, you bring the Lord's Spirit, and you touch people's lives. I want to encourage you that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. As you live the love of God in the earth and care for each other, you are letting the Lord's love and light shine. It will touch people and change their lives. You bring God's joy, God's peace, and God's love. You show people not to be anxious, but to patiently wait upon the Lord, and in due season He will make everything beautiful. You bring God-hope, God-faith, and God-love, certainly.

Therefore, be encouraged today. The Lord is moving, His Spirit is moving in the earth. Things are happening rapidly. The Lord is neutralizing what the evil one intends to do, and He is destroying the work of the devil, bringing everything together to the fullness of days.

There is a confrontation going on because light and darkness do not work together. Wherever Jesus is being lifted up, He is drawing people to Himself. They are coming out of the darkness into the light. Be excited about that. Nothing can stop the work or the kingdom of God from forcefully advancing in the earth. The devil's days are nearing an end as Jesus is getting ready to return and establish the new heaven and new earth, wherein righteousness and holiness, blessing, peace, joy, and love in the Holy Ghost dwell forever, forever. Be excited about that.

The book of John, chapter 17, shows the Lord Jesus preparing the disciples (and teaching them to be disciples) so that they would be able to further the work of God in the earth. He was about to leave. Jesus, the man, was going to ascend back to His place. He would finish what He had been given to do by the Father to save us and show us who the Father is, to show us heaven's ways. He was our example of how to live and walk in this earth.

In this booklet, we want to show you how Jesus prayed for Himself and for all of us (for His disciples then, and for His disciples now). We want you to see that He shared the life of heaven by Word and example, and how He was led by the Spirit of God. We are to work the works of God also. We are to know what is of God and what is not of Him. Jesus showed us all these things when He was here, and as He was leaving, He was preparing the disciples for His departure.

He said to the disciples, *"I have told you these things so that in Me, you may have peace."* Jesus is our peace no matter what the circumstance or situation, whatever moment we are in.

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

He would not leave them comfortless. He would send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He told them to wait for that promise from on high. They prayed and waited. Pentecost arrived, and the Holy Spirit came into the earth as the power force of God in the earth. He is still working today in the Church, making us holy, keeping us holy, drawing people into the kingdom of God. He is helping us to understand God’s Word and truth, for He is the Spirit of truth, the Guide, the Counselor, the Paraclete, the Helper. Jesus instructed His disciples about that in John, chapters 14, 15, and 16.

HOW DID JESUS PRAY?

In John 11:41 Jesus prayed to His Father. (It was not the “Our Father” prayer which most are well versed in: *“Our Father who art in heaven, holy be your name.”*) It was in response to the disciples asking Jesus to show them how to pray, and it is a perfect model prayer.

However, in John, chapter 17, we see Jesus actually praying to the Father. Note that Jesus did this often. He would leave everybody and go to pray, seeking the Father’s wisdom, seeking His direction. This is why He did not say or do anything that the Father had not given Him to do or say. He was in communication with the Father by the Holy Spirit moment to moment every day.

You “are there,” so let us go to God’s Word and see what Jesus included in His prayer to the Father.

“After Jesus said this, He looked towards heaven and prayed.” (John 17:1)

JESUS GLORIFIED

“Father, the time has come now. Glorify your Son that your Son may glorify You.” (John 17:1) This was just before He gave His life for us on the cross, just before He would go through everything in that process. It was the time then. Remember there is always a time and a season for everything under heaven. This was the time Jesus would fulfill everything in our behalf. His purpose for coming was about to be displayed.

We know that when you are persecuted for the sake of the faith in Jesus, the glory of God rests upon you, and you will not lack for any good thing at that time. Jesus said, *“Glorify Your Son that Your Son may glorify You.”* In other words, “Enable Me to do everything You have given Me to do to finish it.”

“For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: That they know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:2-3) See, the Father is glorified

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when Jesus is believed and lifted up as Lord and Savior.

“I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.” (John 17:4) We give the Lord glory when we obey.

“And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.” (John 17:5) People often do not understand that Jesus was not just Jesus, the man, but was God “come in the flesh” to save us. He was actually the Creator God. He was one with the Father in the beginning. *“Let us make mankind in our image.”* (Genesis 1:26) The Lord, our God, is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all one.

He submitted Himself to the Father just like you and I submit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. He is the perfect example of how to walk with the Lord while we are in this body on earth, taking up our cross and following what He has given each of us to do.

“YOU GAVE THEM TO ME”

“I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world.” (John 17:6) Jesus revealed the Father to the disciples, but it was the Father God who chose them. Jesus disciplined them and took them out of this world into the kingdom of God to work the works of God in His place as He was leaving.

But, in reality the Lord has not left the world. He still loves the world, and He is still here with us. Jesus says, *“To as many as believed Him”* (received Him), He comes into their hearts. He brings the Father and the Holy Spirit with Him. We have God with us (Emmanuel, *“God with us”*). He is still with us, but not Jesus the man any longer. He finished His role just like you and I will finish our role in God’s plan someday. He is finished, and now He is still with us. He is still helping us to accomplish His purpose. *“And they were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have obeyed Your Word.”* He was speaking about the disciples, just as I or any other servant of God would talk about the people the Lord gives us to teach, instruct, and disciple. They kept the Word and had obeyed the Word. The blessing is in obeying the Word of God, not just hearing it. Jesus was saying they were now ready.

“Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You.” (John 17:7) Jesus made it clear to them that He did not do anything or say anything that His Father had not given Him to do. They did not have to pray to Jesus, the man, or to any person either alive or gone on because Jesus has led them to the Father, and the Father Himself loves them. (John 16) Get rid of the false teaching that you pray to Mary, you pray to other people, or even to Jesus, the man. Jesus the man is gone. He is now Lord of lords, and King of kings. He went back and took His place as Lord of all. He is actually interceding for us from that position.

“For I gave them the words you gave Me, and they accepted them.” (John 17:8) As the Spirit of God is still ministering in the earth, we who are led of the Spirit of God are conveying words from the Lord. People will either accept them or reject them. To believe is to be blessed, to not believe is to remain in your condition without the Lord’s help or intervention.

“They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me.” They knew it just like we believe that Jesus was sent by the Father today. Therefore we believe Him as well.

“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours.” (John 17:9) Jesus lay down His life to save everyone, and that salvation is given for everyone. The Lord shows no partiality. His love is there for all. Whosoever believes Him, and accepts and receives Him, will have eternal life with the Lord. However, those who reject Him, and do not respond to that call, condemn themselves because they do not believe and do not receive His ways, the ways of heaven.

“All I have is Yours, and all You have is mine.” (John 17:10) I love that. It is a statement of truth. All we have has come from the Father, and all He has is ours. As such, we are His, and we are all together.

HONOR THE LORD AND HIS SERVANTS

“And glory has come to Me through them.” Jesus was honored as the disciples believed the Father’s Words through Him, and they honored the Servant of God at that point as well. Honor the Lord, and He will cause you to be blessed. Honor His servants, and He will cause you to prosper. (2nd Chronicles 20:20)

At that point, they honored Jesus, the man, and glory and honor went to the Father because of it. Honor is something the Lord brought back. The devil has no honor. He has no respect. He wants all glory and attention, but He dishonors everyone around him, and as such dishonors himself.

“I AM COMING, FATHER”

“I will remain in the world no longer.” (John 17:11) Jesus knows the plan, He knows what is going to happen to Him. He is in accord with the Father.

“They are still in this world, and I am coming to You.” Jesus was just laying it out. *“I am coming back to My place,”* and the Father brings all honor and glory as He reinstates Jesus. Jesus now is Lord of lords and King of Kings. (Philippians 2)

THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME

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“Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name.” Protect them. They are still here. They are still in the world.

This is for us today. We are still in the world. We are not of it, but we are in it. We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation. (2nd Corinthians 5) We are about the Father’s business, and we have the name of Jesus.

“Protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me so that they may be one as We are one.” God’s heart for His Body, His Church, is unity. That all believers be one with each other and with the Lord in the power of the name of Jesus. It is what unites us.

“While I was with them I protected them and kept them safe by the name you gave Me.

TO RECEIVE OR NOT TO RECEIVE

None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so the Scripture would be fulfilled.” (John 17:12)

It is very important to remember, that Jesus was talking about Judas who was lost, but I want you to understand something. Judas did not receive the love and forgiveness of God. It was his, but he did not receive it. Some people believe that the Lord sends some people to heaven and some to hell, and that He appoints who is going to go where. It is not true. That is false teaching. The Lord wants nobody to perish, and Jesus died to save everyone, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have everlasting life. He knows who will receive Jesus for life, and He knows who will not. He knew that Judas would not receive the forgiveness of God, would not receive the life of heaven, as he despaired and hung himself.

Peter actually denied the Lord three times to the point where he said, “I don’t even know who the man is!” but the Lord forgave him. The Lord knows who are His and who are not, but Judas had to be one of the disciples.

Judas was the betrayer, and more than that he was a thief. As the treasurer of Jesus’ ministry, he was stealing from it. The Lord knew who he was. Even at the Last Supper they had together, Jesus said to him, “Go and do what you have to do” because it was the time for that betrayal to happen.

However, the Lord was not responsible for Judas being lost. Judas chose not to receive God’s love and forgiveness, and the Lord knew that that would be the case. The Lord knows everything about everything. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

NOT OF THIS WORLD

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“I am coming to You now, but I say these things while I am still in the world so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them.” (John 17:13) Jesus wanted the disciples to have the same relationship that He had with the Father, and to teach them that the Father loved them just like He loved Jesus as He walked the earth.

“I have given them Your Word, and the world has hated them for they are not of the world anymore than I am of the world.” Jesus had spent time with the disciples talking about *“In the world you will have tribulation, but fear not, I have overcome the world. My peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give.”*

He was preparing them to know how the world would react to them as the world reacted to Jesus. In fact, John 15, *“Do not think it is odd how they are persecuting you. ‘If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you’ because My Spirit is within you. You are following the ways of heaven now, not the ways of the world, and the world will hate you for it because it tries to conform you into its image.”* (Romans 12:2)

Paul by the Holy Spirit says, *“And do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [through the Word of God], that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* The world tries to make us conform to it. We are in it, but we are not of the world. We have God’s ways, and God’s ways are not the world’s ways, the devil’s ways, or those selfish, prideful, self-centered ways. They are the ways of God, the ways of love. Heaven does things differently than the world does. The devils hate the believers, but as believers, we do not hate the devils. We just tell them they have no power over us in Jesus’ name. Clear out! The kingdom of heaven is forcefully advancing.

PROTECTION AND AUTHORITY

“My prayer is not that You take them out of the world, but that You protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:15) Many Christians are waiting to be taken out of the world, but Jesus was not taking anybody out until He was finished with what the Father had given Him to do. The key is to know that as Jesus prayed for the disciples, He prays for us today as well. *“That you protect them from the evil one.”* You are protected from the evil one through faith in Jesus Christ, and we have authority over the evil one. *“Behold, I give to you authority over serpents and scorpions, over all the power of the devil, and nothing shall in any ways harm you.”* (Luke 10:19)

That authority needs to be exercised. The day you believed and received Jesus as Lord and Savior, transformation happened. You were translated out of the darkness into the light of God’s kingdom, the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 3:10) Then you were transformed by the Spirit of God from a selfish, self-centered nature. Your spirit in Christ Jesus came alive to God. Before you were all about yourself, your mind, and your body. You were dead before, but you came alive, and you are created to be to the praise of God’s glory.

LIVE IN THE TRUTH

“They are not of the world even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth.” (John 17:16-17) To set them apart for sacred use, or to make holy is what sanctify means. Separated from the world. In it, but not of it. Holy versus unclean. Jesus was praying to the Father, *“Sanctify them by the truth.”* The Word of God is the truth, and as you grow in the Word of God, you will know the truth if you continue in it. *“If you continue in my Word, then you are my disciples indeed. You will know the truth, the truth will make you free, and it will keep you free.”* (John 8:31-32) It is holy, and it will keep you holy as you do what the Lord says. (We are not under the law of God when we are keeping the law of God.) That is what the truth will do as you are living in it. Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

SENT INTO THE WORLD

“As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself that they too may be truly sanctified.” (John 17:18-19) He is sending out the disciples. It is the commission of God and pretty much the last thing that Jesus told them as He was ascending back to the Father. He came in, born of a virgin, Mary, and God was His Father, and He was leaving, ascending back to His place. The disciples looked up to the clouds, and Jesus went back up to where He came from. He came from heaven, and He went back to heaven, taking His place as Lord of lords, and King of kings.

YOUR SPIRITUAL POSITION

The disciples were to continue. They were once of the world, and we were once of the world when we were born, but when we received Jesus we were transformed and set apart for the praises of God. Our position is heavenly now. It is spiritual, for we are born of God, not of the will of man, or the flesh of man, but born of God.

We were born into this world so that we would have the opportunity to hear the good news of the love of God, and be born again, receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior, born of heaven, and as such, in the world, but not of it. *“Since you then be risen with Christ, set your mind [your heart] on the things above, not on the things beneath.”* (Colossians 3:1-2) Your mind is not on the world, but on the things of God and how they relate and operate in the world. Jesus showed us how to do that.

He was our example, and He showed the disciples how to live holy in the plan and the purpose of God as they walked the earth (and as we walk the earth today.)

JESUS EXPANDED HIS PRAYER

“It is not for them alone” (John 17:20), meaning He was not just praying for the disciples, *“I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message.”* That

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message has been confirmed throughout the centuries. Nothing can shut down the Word of God, the kingdom of God, the working of the Spirit of God. The things of God did not stop with the disciples or the apostles back then. They are still working today. The Holy Spirit is in the earth working the works of God just like He did back then. Jesus prayed then, and He is now interceding for us in the heavens. But understand, Jesus the man prayed for us back then.

ONE IN FAITH

What did He pray?

“...For those who believe in Me through their message that all of them may be one.” This is the same thing that He prayed for the disciples — that they might all be one, not divided or sidetracked. Much division in the Body of Christ has gone down the way since that time. All the different denominations in Christianity are based on what people believe and what they do not believe. Groups have gathered together around certain teachings and certain leaders. However, before Jesus returns, the day will come for maturity. We will be one in the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:15-16) We are one in the Spirit, but the day will come when we are one in the faith, believing the same things. It is just a matter of getting back to what God’s Word says.

I have gone through many changes over the years. All of us were born and raised in different church beliefs, but the Lord says, *“In vain you do worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.”* (Matthew 15:9) *“They honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”* (Matthew 15:8) That is what the Lord says in His Word. I cannot just chose to believe some parts and not other parts. Maybe I was not ready. One time Jesus told the disciples, “You are not ready to handle this yet.” Paul said that as well. The day will come when the Holy Spirit will reveal all of God’s truth that we need to know for life and for godliness, and to operate in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said to me one day, “My people desire to be like me, but to be like Me they have to have all the fruit of the Spirit (the character of God — love, joy, peace, etc.), and they need to have the gifts of the Spirit operating. You need to have the Holy Spirit in and through you, with all the manifestations that the Spirit may choose to do. All of those manifestations will operate in the Body of Christ. (1st Corinthians 12-14) Have both the Spirit and the Word.

“...Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” (John 17:21) Again, the prayer is that we might all be one. The same faith has not changed. The same hope has not changed. The same love has not changed. The same God has not changed.

Because of the deception of the devil over the years, man has tried to change things, but God’s truth still remains the same. The Lord still remains the same. Same Spirit,

same Word.

“I have given them the glory that you gave Me.” (John 17:22) We have the glory that was on Jesus. In Jesus that has been given to us so that *“they may be one as we are one.”* Reconciled to God, and ministers of reconciliation, reconciling the world to God. How do we do that? Through the Word of God and the Spirit of God, denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following what Jesus has given us to do.

“I in them, and You in Me.” (John 17:23) We are possessed by the Spirit of God. *“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me, and have loved them even as You have loved Me.”* Just like Jesus was loved by the Father, so the Father loves you and me. It is the most wonderful thing, for we are one together.

WE SHALL BEHOLD HIM

“Father, I want those you have given Me to be with Me where I am, to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.”
(John 17:24)

Jesus’ heart’s desire is that the disciples then and the disciples now see Him in all of His glory. We have not been able to do that yet. But when Jesus returns, we will behold Him as He is in all His glory, face-to-face. The Lord who is the Lord of lords, and the King of kings, the most awesome One. No words to describe Him. He told me once, “Son, just call Me magnanimous.” It is beyond great, it is beyond all that is.

We will behold Him someday as we leave this clay pot. The dead in Christ rise first to meet the Lord in the air at the final trumpet. There will be the final trumpet as described in 1st Thessalonians 4 and 1st Corinthians 15. The dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord in the air, and those who remain will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. This clay pot will fall away, and God will give us an eternal, spiritual body to match our eternal, spiritual spirit and soul.

We will behold Him. This is Jesus’ desire for the glory.

“Father, I want those you have given Me to be with Me where I am.” (John 17:24) The Father knows who is going to believe the good news and who is not.

Jesus, the man, as He walked the earth in the power of the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God, was no normal man. No fallen man could work the works that Jesus did, or have the wisdom of heaven to speak heaven’s Words into the earth, bringing life to this world everywhere He went. He said, *“My Words are Spirit and life.”* He brought heaven to the people, as we bring heaven to the people today, as the disciples brought heaven to the people then. When we present Jesus and the life of the Spirit of God, people see the contrast between the world’s ways and God’s heavenly ways (totally different workings,

totally different spirit).

Someday all that is evil and of the devil (fallen, decaying, and having no life or love) will be removed, and Jesus will make a new heaven and new earth. He will come down out of the heavens as Revelation says, and the New Jerusalem will be here. We will behold Him in all His glory, face-to-face.

It will not be people beholding Jesus, the man. We will be beholding Jesus, the Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Creator God in all His glory. We today did not see Him walk the earth as a man, but we believe the accounts that have been passed down to us.

WHO YET STILL BELIEVES?

Jesus spoke to Thomas because Thomas had said, *“Unless I see the holes in His hands, the hole in His side, and the holes in His feet, I will not believe.”* Jesus appeared to him in the spiritual body, His new working as the first born from the dead, the first born of the resurrection, a new race of people born of heaven now, restored to the fullness of God even better than Adam and Eve at the creation. Jesus said to Thomas, *“Blessed is he who has not seen yet still believes.”* Blessed. That is you and me, friends. We did not see Jesus walking the earth. We have the accounts. But we believe in Him, and His Word is true for us. We believe that He came and He suffered, and He died for us, paying that penalty to remove all the curse of the devil and the separation from God, to restore us to heaven.

Whoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ will not perish, but the wages of sin is death. *“The wages of separation is death,”* but we will have everlasting life through faith in Jesus. That is you and me, our friends, brothers, and sisters. With those past, present, and those coming in before Jesus returns. Our mission is to get the Word (the truth of God) to the people, so that they might have opportunity to believe and receive the things of heaven. God draws them in and comes into their hearts and lives. They become one with Jesus just like we are one with Jesus. Just like the disciples were one with Jesus. Jesus was praying for all of us that we be one, and that that day will come when He returns, and we will behold Him in all His glory, face-to-face.

LAST DAYS' TRUTH

We know nothing more about this dispensation than what has been recorded in the book of Revelation, when John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. By the way, the Lord's Day is God's Holy Sabbath, seventh day Sabbath, and the truth about it is coming forth in these last days. The Lord is straightening out the deception and the lie of changing God's Sabbath to first day. It is coming back. God has a great promise on that. Isaiah 58. We will ride on the high places of the earth. In the world, but not of it, and then our joy will be found in the Lord, not in the world, not in the world's workings and pleasures, but in the Lord Himself. The Lord of the Sabbath is Jesus, and He came to restore everything to the way God would have it to be. It will be observed in the new

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heaven and the new earth. (Isaiah 66)

It is all about Jesus — we will behold Him in all His glory. That is His desire. He will say to us someday, “Enter into My pleasures, child of God. Enter into all My pleasures which I have prepared for you.”

The greatest pleasure I can think of from my heart right now is beholding Him forever face-to-face, and to be known as we are known by Him. We will know Him as He is in all His glory. Glorify us, Lord, in your Spirit in Jesus’ name.

”Righteous Father, though the world does not know You. I know You, and they that You have sent Me. They know that you have sent Me. The world does not know You, but I know you, and they know that you have sent Me.” (John 17:25) The disciples. Then and now.

LET US PRAYER ALSO

Jesus, you were sent by the Father to save us, and You were sent by the Father that we might be one with You. You were sent by the Father that we might know how to live. You are our example by the Spirit of God and the Word of God as we finish our days on this earth as your ambassadors, about the purpose that you have given us to do, Lord. You are enabling us to finish strong and receive the crown of righteousness, and all that you have prepared for us. May we above all, Lord, give you all the glory and the honor, and the power, and the dominion always. They are Yours now and forever. May our lives exemplify that, in Jesus’ name.

Jesus finished up His prayer to the Father, *“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 17:26)

This is His prayer for you and me, friends. Let us go over it again. The world does not know Jesus, but you and I who believe in Jesus know Him. We know that the Father sent the Lord Jesus. *“I have made You known to them.”* Jesus made the Father known to us today by the Holy Spirit, that we will continue to make Him known. He will continue to make the Father known.

Lord, be glorified in the earth. Let the whole world know You and who You are, and how much You love and care for everybody.

But it is not yet that the Father and Jesus are One in all glory with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, the man, was praying to the Father. He submitted to the Father. But now He is Lord of lords and King of kings. What is happening is His Spirit in us and through us is now making Himself known to us. We in turn by His Spirit are making Him known to

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others through the working of the Holy Spirit in us and through us. God's Word is making the world know who He is.

Glorify yourself in this world. Demonstrate your love in power and demonstration of love. Not just words, but demonstration.

HE EVER LIVES TO INTERCEDE FOR US

What the Lord says, and what you speak on earth, friends, He is honoring in heaven. (Matthew 18)

Remember, "*Christ in you, the hope of Glory,*" (Colossians 1:37) the mystery of the gospel. This is the reality of the Spirit of God. It is not just about playing church. It is about having the Lord Himself in His holy temple. You are His holy temple. "*Know ye not you are the temple of the Holy Spirit?... you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body and your spirit, which belong to the Lord.*" (1st Corinthians 6:19-20) "*Let the glory of the Lord reside in you.*" You are not a mere human being anymore. You are not just a sinner saved by grace. No, the Lord has made you much more. That was His prayer that He might be glorified in you and me.

In Jesus name, Lord, work your work, begin that work in others, fulfil it in those that You have come into their hearts already. Lord, finish the work of God that you have begun in all of us. We give you all the glory and the praise, and the thanks now and forevermore in Jesus' name.

Now, friends, the Lord Jesus is interceding for you and me from His place as Lord of lords and King of kings. We have seen the references where Jesus, the man, prayed and submitted to the Father. Now He is in all His glory. He is just waiting for you and me to meet Him someday as He comes back at that final trumpet blast. It is going to happen. "*Forever, we will be with the Lord.*" How awesome is this. Beyond expression.

The Lord wants us to realize His holy presence in us who have received Jesus as Lord and Savior. We want all that the Father has for us right now in this time (what we are able to receive) that we might be to the praise of His glory operating in this earth just like Jesus did.

"To them who believe the works I do, you will do, and greater works than these you are will do." "*Whatever you ask in My name I will do it that the Father be glorified in the Son.*" (John 14:12-13) The Lord wants to demonstrate His love, not just words, not just man's wisdom, but the wisdom from God and demonstration from the Spirit of God, supernaturally in this earth, just like Jesus when He walked the earth that the Father be glorified in the Son.

It is God's desire for you and me. It is what Jesus prayed about. He prays that we be one, and that we come into the fullness of the faith of God. For that to happen, we have to open our hearts to all that the Holy Spirit has for us. There has to be first of all, character: love, joy, peace (that comes with Jesus), the fruit we give out to others. It is in us. Second, there has to be the manifestation of the spirituals (the gifts of the Spirit of God). We need to eagerly desire those things, the Word says.

IN CONCLUSION

Take a look at 1st Corinthians 12:13-14. It is all around God's love, and it is for ministry. People need to receive the Holy Spirit for the ministry of God to be carried out through them. After you receive the Holy Spirit, "*You shall receive power from on high to be My witnesses in the earth.*" (Acts 1:8) The meaning for witness is martyr. Going forth in the power and the authority and the dominion of God, working the works of Jesus, telling people the good news about the love of God, giving them opportunity to receive the life of heaven. Presenting the present of God, for His presence is His present.

Be exalted, Lord. Oh glory, glory, how wonderful is the Lord Jesus!