

## “Apex of Achievements” (Jn. 17:1-5)

1. Revelation (1)
  - a. Radiation: Innate Glory (vv. 5, 24; Isa. 48:11; 44:6 cf. Rev. 1:17; 2:8. Also see Heb. 1:3).
  - b. Reciprocation: Jesus’ glory = God’s glory. This is Jesus’ petition: that He be glorified in order to glorify God and He teaches that such must be our prayer (Mat. 6:9 = the primary concern).
  - c. Ratification: The Cross and empty tomb serve as God’s affirmation of Jesus’ person and work for all who believe in Him – and even to those who refuse to believe.
2. Restoration (2a)
  - a. Dominion
    - i. Relinquished Reign (Gen. 1:28 & 3:24)
    - ii. Regained Reign (1 Cor. 15:20-25, 45)
      1. The “last Adam” completed the commission the first Adam forfeited.
      2. The first gardener (of Eden) was to expand dominion throughout the earth; but rather than expand paradise, he became a threat to it and was removed. The last Gardener is seen as sprung forth from the grave (Jn. 20:15) to bring forth the new creation of the children of God (2 Cor. 5:17) to the “ends of the earth” not unlike the first Adam (Mat. 28:18-20\*).
  - b. Communion (2b) eternal life →
3. Relation (3)
  - a. Communion: Trinity & the regenerate (see vv. 6, 11, 26)
  - b. Commission: As Jesus was “sent” to save us (3), He sent disciples to spread His Word (18\*).
4. Realization (4)
  - a. Acclaim: Jesus brought glory to God like no other could by perfectly fulfilling the Law and Redemption. It was His joy to please the Father and thus glorify Him even in the shame of the Cross (Heb. 12:2).
  - b. Accomplish: Unlike the first Adam and all who followed and come short of the glory of God (Ro. 3:23), Jesus perfectly honored and glorified the Father doing His will perfectly.
5. Reunion (5)
  - a. Preincarnate Glory
    - i. Jesus had repeatedly stated He was from above, from the Father and Hebrews 1:1-3, 8 clearly states Christ’s preincarnate glory.
    - ii. Col. 1:16-19; Jn. 1:1
  - b. Preeminent Greatness
    - i. Can God get any greater? By definition, God is the greatest of all total attributes.
    - ii. Jesus left glory and learned obedience through suffering (Heb. 5:8).
    - iii. Greater love has no one... (Jn. 15:13).
    - iv. He who desires to be greatest... Mat. 23:11
  - c. Procured Glory
    - i. The Exalted Atoning Substitution (Isa. 53:5 & 52:13)
    - ii. The Humble Obedient Servant (Phil. 2:11)
    - iii. The Slain Lamb of God on God’s Throne receiving praise from all creation (Rev. 5:9, 12-13)

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The Gospel is from God and to God. It begins with God’s glory, holiness, righteousness, and love. It ends at God’s very awesome presence with His creatures gloriously praising Him full of joy and gratitude! There is no other news like the Gospel. There is no other god like the LORD. There is no other Savior than Jesus. There is no greater triumph and glory than the History of God’s achievement of sacrifice for His creation. Hence there is no greater joy than that of those who have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb! Amen, Hallelujah, and glory to the eternal, almighty, righteous, and personal God!