

“A PRAYER THAT REALLY MATTERS”

JOHN 17:1-5

Knowing the Lord really does change everything – including prayer. No longer appealing to the unknown but the known; no longer making request as an outsider but an insider; and no longer imploring your will be done but His will.

John 17 is an entire chapter devoted to prayer as God the Son prays to God the Father. And He begins this prayer with one rather weighty issue at hand.

THE ESSENTIALS OF SALVATION

① The _____ of God (17:2)

Eternal life was established in eternity past before the first man was even _____.

Salvation is either _____ of God or it is not of God at _____.

② The _____ of God (17:3)

How preposterous to assume that someone is going to heaven when they do not know the Someone of heaven.

The God who appointed you now opens the door for you to know Him by rooting your _____ in this knowable One!

He who has reached out to you with a _____ must be responded to.

③ The _____ of God (17:4)

His statement asserts His willingness and His obedience in surrendering His will to His Father and completing the task which He had been assigned.

Only the _____ One could do the _____ work and offer up His _____ life for sinners.

It is finished (19:30). He completed what He started and with this finalized work at the cross, we can be saved.

Your works do not _____ your salvation but they do _____ your salvation.

CONCLUSION

Without anyone of these three essentials, salvation would be incomplete.

Prayer really does matter. And this prayer by Jesus about salvation He Himself accomplished really does matter!