

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 2/19-20/2024 - John 17:1-26

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: (John 16:1-33) – *The Coming Rejection! The Work of the Holy Spirit! Sorrow Will Turn to Joy! Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World!*

The LORD's Prayer! As we come into chapter seventeen, it is like entering into the Holy of Holies as Jesus is praying to the Father.

(John 17:1-26) – Jesus Prays for Himself! – (vs. 1-5); Jesus Prays for His Disciples! - (vs. 6-19); Jesus Prays for All Believers! - (vs. 20-26)!

The High Priestly Prayer -- Jesus Prays for Himself! – (vs. 1-5); Single theme - Glory

Joh 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come (having come, is now here). Glorify Your Son, that (purpose) Your Son also may glorify You,

- **We come to the longest recorded prayer of Jesus in the Gospels and in the entire New Testament.** Jesus has been teaching his disciples a sermon. Now He does not want to end that sermon, so to speak, without them praying. To bring to the conclusion, to the application of the things they have heard!
- **Here, we are given a beautiful, beautiful glimpse into the what constitutes Jesus' intercession for us as Christians.** We are told in (Heb 7:25b) *since He always lives to make intercession for them.* We may wonder what exactly is it that He is interceding for us. What is He praying for us? This prayer is not exhaustive in that regard, but it certainly includes these things. It is wonderful to know that He is praying these things for each and every one of us as Christians!
- **Father, the hour has come! From the first part of John's gospel, Jesus was aware of the hour that was coming.** When at the beginning of His ministry, He was in Cana of Galilee at the wedding feast. They had run out of wine and His mother suggested that He may correct the situation. (Joh 2:4) *Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come. It was premature.*
- **In (Joh 7:30) *Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.* Again, in (Joh 8:20) *These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come. In (Joh 12:23) *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. This was at the Passover meal with His disciples there on the same evening. Also in (Joh 12:27) *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. (John 13:1) *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. Or to the uttermost! And now in (Joh 17:1) *Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.*******
- **Jesus has had His final words with His disciples prior to the cross. Now He no longer talks to His disciples, but He now is talking to the Father.** (Joh 17:1) *Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,*
- **This prayer of Jesus that the Father would glorify the Son is really a prayer that He might go to the cross.** He is not praying that He might receive the glory that He had before the world ever existed. He will pray for that presently. But in this first petition, He is praying about the cross. It is through the cross of Jesus Christ that God's love is to be manifested to the world! (1Jn 4:10) *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. God will be glorified through the cross because there is God's manifestation of the extent of His love for you! (Rom 8:32) *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? So in the cross of Christ is your glory!**
- **Glorify Your Son. The very event that would glorify the Son was His death on the cross! Glorify! (*doxadzo – to cause to have splendid greatness, clothe in splendor, glorify, of the glory (doxa) that comes in the next life*)**

Joh 17:2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh), that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

- **As You have given Him authority over all flesh.** Jesus said in (*Mat 28:18b*) *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.* As You have given Him authority, power over all flesh,
- **that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.** Jesus gives us eternal life. (*1Jn 5:11-12*) *And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.* In (*Joh 3:36*) *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.* Notice that He makes mention of those that “as many as You have given Him.”
- **Throughout this prayer, seven times, Jesus makes reference to those that the Father has given to Him.** In (*Joh 17:2,6,7,9,11,12,24*) *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. [7] Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. [9] "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. [11] Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [24] "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.).* Over and over again He is referring to those that the Father has given to Him.
- **Jesus said, (*Joh 6:44*) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.** If you have come to Jesus Christ, rejoice because it means that you are one of those that the Father has given to Him. This age-old debate concerning divine election, the sovereignty of God and the human responsibility of man is one that will never be resolved in argument, which goes against the unity, that Jesus is praying for the church here in the seventeenth chapter!
- **His prayer is that we might be united! That we might be one!** But how divided the church is, willing to bring the division by their insistence that theirs is the only correct position. It seems it is impossible to reconcile in my mind the sovereignty of God with the human responsibility of man! I am convinced that the Bible teaches both. I cannot understand how they both can be true, but I believe they are! God did not call me to understand, only to believe! So He understands and I am satisfied with that! Jesus is speaking here on the aspect of God’s chosen, God’s sovereignty. God is giving them to Me. To as many as You have given Him.
- **There were many people who began to follow Jesus but not all continued.** When He began to say some difficult things, they followed Him no more. So here is the one side of the coin. *Those whom You have given Me.* I am still glad that the Father chose me and gave me to be one of the disciples, one of the followers of Jesus. Yet, there is that human responsibility. I must come! I must surrender! God is not going to save me unless I repent, unless I surrender my life to Jesus Christ! So how do you explain it, I cannot!

Joh 17:3 And this is eternal life that they may know (ginosko) You the only true, (genuine) God, and Jesus Christ (only time used in John) whom You have sent.

- **This is eternal life** (the path), **that they may know (ginosko) You!** That word know, *ginosko*, to know by experience, is most important. Everlasting life is found solely in the Father and in the Son! You must have it to impart it!
- **But we notice here that our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins is not the pinnacle of our salvation.** It is merely a means to an end! It is the means to the highest end which is to know God and to know Him personally! Christianity is all about a personal relationship with God!
- **We were created for a relationship with God and the breaking of that relationship by the fall of Adam, was the great catastrophe** of the fall! The great catastrophe is not weeds or floods or earthquakes. The great catastrophe is that we were cut off from the very relationship for which we were created! The relationship with God! We will never ever know inward fulfillment or satisfaction in our lives until we are engaged in that knowing relationship with God! So when the Father and the Son provided us with salvation and everlasting life, and they of necessity, it would provide a return then to that relationship! It is what the

entire Bible is all about! How does your relationship with God begin? So simply! By putting my faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins and then repenting of my sins, and then being born again by the Holy Spirit, committing now on the power of the Spirit to be His disciple and to follow Him.

- ***The only true*** (genuine) ***God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent,*** which acknowledges that there are many false gods. But there is only one true, one genuine, God and eternal life only comes by knowing the One true God and His Son, Jesus Christ who He sent into the world!

Joh 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

- ***I have glorified You on the earth.*** The word *glorified* means to be heavy, to be weighty, to be honored. It speaks of the weightiness, of the meaning, of the purpose, of the satisfaction, of the sense of substance; that living in this world to glorify God, brings to a life!
- ***There is no ultimate meaning and purpose in life, apart from living, to glorify God!*** That is what gives weightiness to our lives, gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Jesus, as He speaks here of glorifying the Father, He is in the category of One, in terms of how He does that and did that. We glorify God in entirely different ways, but it is the glorification of the Father in our lives, which **brings substance and satisfaction to our lives!**
- ***I have finished the work which You have given Me to do*** **Back in the fourth chapter as Jesus is talking to His disciples at the well in Samaria** where He had just met the woman and she had gone back into town to get her live-in lover and the other people that came out and heard the words of Jesus. The disciples, when they returned with the food, they offered to Jesus and He did not eat, saying, (***Joh 4:34***) *Jesus said "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*
- ***In Genesis that in six days, God created the heavens and the earth and the life forms*** that are in them and on the seventh day, God rested from His work. But when man sinned and sin entered the world through man and death by sin, then God began a redemptive work. He first of all chose a family, the family of Abraham through which to send the Redeemer. Later on, He narrowed it down to the family of David. But God's work of redemption to redeem the world back to God, to give redemption for mankind, that work God began right after man sinned, the plan of redemption. Jesus came to finish the work of redemption so that man would not have to be a slave to the flesh or to sin but could be redeemed from the power of sin to serve the living God! Jesus is declaring here; ***I have finished the work which You have given Me to do!"***
- ***We remember in (Joh 19:30) So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. (Luk 23:46). And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. I have done it! He has accomplished it! He is talking about the cross in these first few verses: I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.***
- ***I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*** Jesus declares that He finished the work that the Father had sent Him in the world to do through His incarnation. Though His life up to this point, nothing was left undone by Jesus as a result of the cross. The cross did not interrupt the plan of God. It did not cost Jesus to fail to do one other thing that God intended him to do. All of it was under the authority and the working of God. We never look and say, I wonder what might have become of Jesus if He had not been crucified. No, that was nothing else was intended. Jesus speaks of it as if it already had been accomplished! He speaks of it with a clear sense of accomplishment! And it was a great accomplishment, the greatest thing in all of time and all of eternity, the provision of our salvation!

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world (universe) ***was.***

- ***The world!*** Used ***nineteen times*** in this chapter. It is always the same root word. In every case, the context determines the exact meaning. Now He is referring to the heavenly glory! ***O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. What was before?***
- ***We can only imagine the glory that was His from the beginning!*** Imagine having come from there, the longing that you would have in this world then to return to the glory of heaven, and for Him to return to His unique glory within that environment! (***Joh 1:1-2,14***) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- **We are told in (Col 1:16,17) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (held together).**
- **In (Php 2:6-8) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, [7] but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**
- **He is praying now that He might again have that glory that was once His, that He left to come to this earth, to be despised and rejected, to give His life as a ransom for sin. Now Father, allow Me to return to that place of glory! We read that (Php 2:9-11) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name, which is above every name, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So God's glory, the Son's glory, that is what it is all about. Give Him glory, all you peoples!**

Jesus Prays for His Disciples, including us! - (vs. 6-19); First is their Security (*keep, kept*); Second is their Sanctification.

Joh 17:6 "I have manifested Your name (authority, character) to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

- **He is talking now about the disciples.** Those that the Father has given to Him out of the world. They were Yours; You've given them to Me; and *they have kept Your word!* The first thing has to do with their (and our) security! He prays that the Father would keep them, that the Father would keep us!

Joh 17:7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

- **The disciples began to realize this relationship between the Father and the Son.** Whatever belongs to the Father belongs to the Son! Whatever belongs to the Son belongs to the Father! They have come to know that whatever has been given to Jesus really belongs to the Father! We all belong to Him!

Joh 17:8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

- **He is speaking of the disciples and of the faith that they had come to in believing** that He was sent and that He brought to them the word of God. They had believed in Jesus. They put their faith in Him and had made a personal commitment to Him. Jesus speaks of all of these things as something that greatly blessed Him and was a blessing to the Father. Then out of that great love that He has for the disciples and His heart of compassion for them, He now prays for them in this prayer.

Joh 17:9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world (right now) but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

- **We remember (Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** But here Jesus says, *I do not pray for the world.* That is, He is not praying for the world right now. I am praying for them. The reason why He wants us to be one, that the world may know! His heart is still for the world. That the world may know that You have sent Me! But right now, Lord, I am praying for these that You have given to Me, for the disciples! I am not praying for the world generally, right now. Again, just thankfully, think of Jesus praying for you!
- **Do not think that when Jesus says here, I do not pray for the world, that it means that Jesus does not love the world.** Obviously He loves the world! He died for the world! But the world is not His focus at this point in the prayer. Here His focus is on His disciples. So He says, I am praying specifically for them.

Joh 17:10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified (already) in them.

- **This speaks of the fact that Jesus and the Father are glorified by our faith in Him.** Again, we have mentioned it before. The single greatest thing that we can do to bless the Father's heart is to put our faith in His Son that He sent for our salvation! That blesses Him! That glorifies Him! All of these things that he had described in verses 6 through 8, their acceptance of this revelation of the Father, of His teaching, their faith in Him for salvation, their obedience to His word. All of these things glorify both Jesus and the Father!

- **Here Jesus said, *I am glorified in them.*** They are Yours but they are also Mine, and they are Mine and they are also Yours. Again, the Father and the Son are inseparable. But we become His and He is glorified in us. How? By our faith and by our trust and by our obedience to His word. By my faith and trust and obedience, the Father is glorified!
- **We remember how God was bragging about Job.** (*Job 1:8*) Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? God was glorified in Job because of his commitment. To the praise of the glory of His grace. God has manifested His grace on you! God receives glory through your praise at the recognition of His grace. Whenever God manifests His grace, He does these wonderful, beautiful things for us and from our hearts, there just rises that spontaneity of praise and thanksgiving. O Lord, You are so good! Thank You, Lord! God, You are so wonderful! God is glorified through those praises that we offer to Him. In the spontaneous response to the manifestations of His love and His grace towards us. Here Jesus is praying, declaring in His prayer, *I am glorified in them!*

Joh 17:11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

- ***Now I am no longer in the world.*** He is already committed to the cross! He talks of the cross as though it were a past fact! He speaks of it as *I have finished the work.* He is committed and He speaks of it as though it was already done because He knows He is going to do it! I am no more in the world!
- ***but these are in the world, and I come to You.*** I am going to be leaving this world but they are going to be here.
- **Jesus now earnestly begins to pray for their keeping.** He asks and declares to the Father, that I have kept them through the entirety of the three and a half years of My public ministry. Jesus prayed here to the Father that He would continue to keep them, from the position of His glory in heaven after Jesus's ascension. To be kept, you notice, by His nature, by His name and His character. We are not kept on the basis of who and what we are, on the basis of our own character. No, but we are kept on the basis of God's character and His faithfulness to His word to keep us as Christians!
- ***Keep through Your name. We are kept through the power of Jesus Christ and the name of God.*** The name Jehovah," in (*Pro 18:10*) *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.* In the time of temptation, have you ever run into the name of Jesus? Have you said, Oh Jesus? In a time of difficulty, a time of danger? Have you fled into that name? How many times do I flee into that name! I see danger approaching, saying, Oh Jesus, help me! The strong tower, the righteous run into it and are safe!

Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

- ***Those whom You gave Me! He is talking about the twelve disciples.*** *I have kept, none of them is lost, except the son of perdition;* which is a reference to Judas Iscariot. There is something interesting about Judas Iscariot. It appears here that Judas was not the Father's, therefore he was not given to the Son! We should consider this a comfort and assurance for us!
- **Judas Iscariot was of an entirely different category!** Also, Jesus said, (*Joh 6:70*) *Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"* It is interesting that here Jesus refers to Judas Iscariot as the son of the devil, son of perdition. Interesting inasmuch as that is also the title of the antichrist.
- **In (*2Th 2:3*) *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.*** As Paul is talking about the antichrist, he refers to him as the son of perdition and those are the only two places where this title is used. Jesus is referring to Judas Iscariot and Paul is referring to the antichrist, which gives rise to the opinion of some that Judas Iscariot will somehow be the antichrist, the son of perdition.

Joh 17:13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

- **The fullness of joy, that they might be fulfilled!** So Jesus, prays this prayer in their hearing in order that they, and we, might know that these are the thing He is going to continue to pray for you throughout your life and your ministry. Knowing that Jesus is praying for us in this regard is a source of great joy in our

lives! Jesus wants us to experience that joy! I suppose there is no greater joy when we are in deep trial or deep difficulty. To realize that He is praying for us, and specifically praying for our keeping in in the midst of that trial.

Joh 17:14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

- **In (Joh 15:19) If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. In (Joh 16:1-3) These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. [3] And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.**
- **So He speaks to the disciples about how the world hates Him and of course, they are going to manifest that hatred tomorrow.** Actually, it is on the same day in the Jewish reckoning. They would be manifesting that hatred by putting Him on the cross! He is now in His prayer for them, praying that. He is making mention of them, *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

Joh 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

- **We are here in the world to fulfill the purpose of God and that is the reason** why God leaves us here. If God did not have a purpose for us being here, He surely would not leave us in this dark world. But He leaves us here, that we might be a light to this dark world. That we might be as salt. That is a preserving influence in the world. As Jesus said, *(Mat 5:13-14) You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. [14] You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.* So that we might bear witness of God's love! That we might show the world through our love for each other and our love for Him that Jesus Christ indeed, is the Son of God sent into the world to be the Savior of all who will believe in Him! We are here for that one purpose, to glorify Him and give testimony and witness to the world of Jesus Christ!
- **God loves you so much! He really does not want to leave you in this mess, in the world. But it is necessary** that He have a light in the world! So here you are for that one purpose of bringing light and bringing hope and bringing the word of God to others! Any other thing that you do is just really superfluous or unnecessary. There is one necessary purpose for you and that is to bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world! That is it! So He did not pray that God will take you out of the world, yet! There is a purpose and a plan that God has for you, that you might fulfill that purpose. But in the meantime, you might be kept from the evil that is in the world.
- **Our world seems so filled with evil, maybe** more prevalent than at any time in the history of man! Because of the modern means of communication, this generation is exposed to more worldliness, more sin, more evil than any other generation since Adam. Now the time of Noah got so bad that the thoughts and the imagination of man's heart was only evil continually. But they did not have the means of permeating their world so fully and completely as our world now is permeated with evil. So the prayer of Jesus is that you might be kept from the evil. Those forces of evil that dominate the world system.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

- **Do you ever feel like you are sort of an alien? Do you often think, I really do not belong here?** When I read of crimes that are going on, we cannot believe this! It is so prevalent that the evil. We read of those things, thinking, where did they come from? These people that have such little regard for someone else's life. Senseless killings. Where do they come from? The world in which we live is a violent, corrupt place.
- **In the times of Noah, the earth was filled with violence. Jesus said** that when He comes, *(Luk 17:26) And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man.* Surely the Lord is coming soon. Even as God judged the world of Noah's days, so He will judge this world because of its sin! *They are not of the world!* Thank God for that, *just as I am not of the world.*

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

- **So this is a beautiful glimpse into Jesus's public ministry as he disciplined these men.** How word-centered that discipleship was, and if Jesus is discipling anybody's life, even by His Holy Spirit today, He is going to do it in large measure through His word.
- **Sanctify them! Set them apart from the world! Separate them from the world, Lord, by Your truth!** The word of God that washes us, that cleanses us from the defilement of the world. How important it is! Jesus said, (*Joh 15:3*) *You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*
- **We are exposed all day long in the workplace or at school or whatever, to the corruption and filth of the world. When we come home,** we feel like we need a bath inside just to get cleansed. To sort of wash out the pollution that has been poured into our minds. The garbage that has been dumped on us. Therefore, how we need to get into the word daily, that it might have that cleansing effect in our lives!

Joh 17:18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

- **The truth of God that sets you apart, that frees you,** washes you.
- ***Sanctified by the truth*** – The cross – Christ's death perfects the sanctified! (*Heb 10:10,14*) *By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [14] For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.* Also (*Psa 40:6-8*) - Christ's death fulfills God's will.
- **Sanctification is so important because just as the Father sent Jesus into the world with work to do,** Jesus sends us with work to do. His Great Commission for us is to make disciples of all nations. Why does Jesus include in our salvation, Christian service as He does? Because this is what He is about and what He is like. Any definition of sanctification that does not include Christian service is not a biblical sanctification, because it is to ignore a core characteristic of Jesus Himself, who came not into the world to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many!
- **God wants us right in the thick of what is going on in this lost, dark world that we live in.** Our hearts are right because we have a message to bring to them, but right below that, is our need to be engaged in a messy world, to keep us growing in Christ. Do not take them out of the world, not yet. But keep them in the midst of it.

Jesus Prays for All Believers! - (vs. 20-26)!

Joh 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone (11 disciples), but also for those who will believe in Me through their word (logos);

- **The first petitions were concerning Himself. The next petitions were concerning His disciples.** And these final petitions He goes out beyond just that immediate little band.
- ***but also for those who will believe in Me through their word*;** So if through the reading of the Bible, you have come to a faith in Jesus Christ, then you are included in the final petitions of this prayer of Jesus! He now reaches out to all of those who will believe on Him through their words.

Joh 17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

- ***That they all may be one! Unity!*** We see Jesus' great concern for unity! **The unity of the body of Christ, in the world!** Now tell me if there is almost anything, Christians in the United States have less concern for. than the unity of the body of Christ? (*Gal 3:28*) *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
- **This is His prayer. How the divisions in the church, squabbles, the fightings, how they must hurt the heart** of the Father and of the Son whose prayer is that we might be one. It does not mean that we have to agree on every point. Surely there is room for different interpretations of scripture. And surely there is a place for each of the denominations and the gathering together with likeminded people. God has a place for the different churches to attract and appeal to the different temperaments of people. We do not need to see everything exactly the same, and not to insist that everybody see it as I see it or believe it. But to just see the oneness and the unity, and to seek for the unity in the whole body of Christ!
- **I would hate to be guilty of really bringing division in the body because then I would be working directly against** the prayer of Jesus who is praying that we might be one.

- *that the world may believe that You have sent Me. That oneness of the body* that we might be a witness to the world that Jesus Christ indeed is the Son of God, sent into the world!

Joh 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

- **That is pretty strong statement! He is willing to share His glory with you! He wants to share His glory with you!** (*Mat 25:34*) *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (1Jn 3:2) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* He is willing to share His glory, His inheritance with you.

Joh 17:23 I in them* (the 11 and all believers), *and You in Me; that they may be made perfect* (complete, finished) *in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

- **Even as the Father and the Son are inseparable, one thought, purpose, action, activity; so He wants us to be one.** *I in them, and You in Me* (depending on our heart, our lives); *that they may be made perfect in one.*
- **No one church, no one denomination is complete or perfect.** We all need each other. We are all a part of the total. But it takes all of the parts to make the whole. And we need to recognize that and to see that and to acknowledge and to live by that!
- **That that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. He wants the world to know how much!** (*Joh 3:16*) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Father, that they might know that You love them, just like You love Me.*

***Joh 17:24 "Father, I desire* (one request! - only time in four Gospels, Jesus asks for His will to be done), *that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold* (to continually, continuing to behold) *My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world* (universe).**

- **Father, I want them to be there! I want them to behold My glory!** We remember when Peter, James and John were with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. He was transfigured before them and His garments began to glisten like there were lights behind them, all white. Moses and Elijah appeared, talking to Him. Jesus had said, Not all of you are going to die until you see the Son of man in glory. Then He took them up in the mountains and they saw Him glorified. His desire is that you might see Him in His glory! The glory of His reign, His eternal reign! The glory that shall be bestowed upon Him when He completes the work of redemption by laying claim to that which He purchased, the redemption of the world! What will that be like?
- **That they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.** Father, You always have loved Me, but that You have loved them, too. Just like You love Me.
- **Jesus is longing for us to join Him in heaven! It is to realize as much as we want to join Him in heaven, He wants us to join Him there!** That is really fabulous! As He speaks here, all of these things in Jesus's prayer, are accomplished! He prayed for the Father to glorify Him in His death, burial, and resurrection. To take Him up into the glory of heaven. Everything that He prays here, has come to pass, which tells us that us one day we, being in that glory with Him, is as sure as His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension into heaven! One day we are absolutely going to be there! Hallelujah!

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

- **O righteous Father! Earlier, O holy Father (vs. 11)! Now "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You;** Isn't it interesting, how so often the world thinks they know Him? All of the false concepts, the wrong ideas, that people have concerning God. Satan has surely been out working

overtime to distort the truth of the nature of God in the minds of people. They really do not know God, often thinking of God only in the terms of fierce judgment, harshness, and hardness. They do not know that He is a compassionate, merciful, gracious God. But **Jesus said. *but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.***

Joh 17:26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them (the believing minority!)

- **The final petition here. I have declared Your name.** I will declare it. For what purpose? *That the love with which the Father loves Me may be in them and I in them.* What a beautiful, beautiful prayer! The prayer of our Lord for Himself, for His disciples, and for us who have come to believe in Him!
- **The more that we learn about our Heavenly Father; the more important love becomes to us; the more important, unity becomes to us; and the more we are going to grow in love!** So Jesus declared that He would continue to make the Father and His nature known to us by the Holy Spirit, which is the evidence that we are growing in our understanding of God the Father.
- **A true understanding of God the Father will be growth and our love for one another, and in unity in the body of Christ!** The Father will give us His love for the totality of His body. And that is one of the great marks of spiritual maturity, to possess His attitude toward the body of Christ as a whole!

SUMMARY:

- **Jesus Prays for Himself! – (1-5); [1b] Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, [2] as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. [4] I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. [5] And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**
- **Jesus Prays for His Disciples! - (Keeps them, vs. 6-12) [6] "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. [9] "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. [10] And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. [11] Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. (Sanctifies them, vs. 13-19) - [15] I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. [17] Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. [18] As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. [19] And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.**
- **Jesus Prays for All Believers! - (vs. 20-26)! [20] I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; [21] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. [22] And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [23] I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. [24] "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. [26] And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them**

CLOSING SONG:

THE LORD'S PRAYER- Andrea Bocelli (3:31/3:34)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Opening prayer – IN CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 1/30/24 Pastor Jack Hibbs, Guest Chaplain - https://youtu.be/g_AhqKMim-U (paste this hyperlink into your browser)

“Almighty God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Together, we come before You in humility as a people in need of Your forgiveness, Your mercy, Your goodness, and Your grace. For these past 250 years, our fathers, in this Congress, have prayed for Your guidance and protection. And so stand here in humble petition that You today might do the same. That this Nation and its unparalleled Constitution - Your great gift to all freedom loving people - might be renewed here and across this land as a beacon of hope to all who seek peace. I ask You today, Father, to bring to us a great awakening of righteousness and confidence in You! Who alone is mighty to save. Hear my cry in this hour of great need, that we might be humbled before You in true repentance of our national sins. You, Almighty God, are the source of all wisdom and there is no wisdom but that which comes from You. So please come upon those here, who are stewards over the business of Your Nation with Your wisdom which comes from above, with Your holy Fear, knowing that Your coming Day of Judgment draws near, when all who have been and are now in authority will answer to You - The Judge of Heaven and Earth - for decisions they have made here. I offer this prayer to You Father! In the name of Jesus Christ Your only Son - Our Crucified Savior and Resurrected LORD! Amen”

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