

Episode # 2-16 John 17 Part 2 - The Lord's Prayer for His Disciples

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We have been studying the Lord's teaching to His disciples as they made their way from the upper room where they had the last supper to the garden of Gethsemane. Now, the Lord has finished his teaching, and begins to pray to His Father on the behalf of His disciples. This is the "real Lord's prayer," since the prayer in Matthew was what He taught His disciples to pray.

III. John 17:6-19. Prayer for His disciples.

D. V.9. Pray=*erotao*, to ask. He is not now asking for the world, but someday He will!

Psalm 2:8. For now, He is simply asking for those who are His.

E. V.10. Luther, "Any man can say, "All mine is Thine," but only the Son can say, "All that is Thine is Mine." This shows His equality with Father! The Son is glorified because of these, His apostles!

F. V.11. He is now speaking as if He is on the other side of the resurrection, and is speaking as He returns to His Father. This is the request He started to make in verse 9. Then He says why He asks. There is a flow going on here of God's character.

G. V.12. The Lord kept them in the character of the Father. The only one who was lost is Judas. Perdition=utter or total ruin. This can never happen to a believer. His choice of Judas was not a mistake, but his loss was a fulfillment of the Scriptures.

H. V.13. Now He was returning to His Father, so He could no longer guard them. The joy He speaks of is His joy in the accomplishment of His work on the cross. That joy would be fulfilled in them as well because of His words.

I. V.14. World=religious system in Israel. It would have loved Him if He had been a part of it. God's words are hateful to the religious world! We should not be surprised if those words bring us into conflict with much that is called "Christianity."

J. V.15. In the world is exactly where He wants them! That they should be kept from evil is very necessary. It is also necessary for us!

K. V.16. The vast majority of religious men find their source in the world. Yet not the disciples, nor the Lord. The world had strayed far from God's true system.

L. V.17. Sanctify=to hallow or to make holy. Holy=set apart to God. What is truth? His word. This is a wonderful fact for a believer to grasp. The word IS the truth.

M. V.18. Sent=*apostello*. The Son sent His disciples as He was sent. But how was He sent? Matt. 15:24. The disciples too were sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel!

N. V.19. Truth sanctifies. Error keeps us part of the world. Let us cling to the truth!

IV. Conclusion: The Lord prayed for many things for His disciples in the light of what was about to come. Through this conversation He had with His Father, we have learned more of the relationship between the Father and Son, and are given more to believe. Remember, this is the purpose of the book: that we who read might believe in Him!