

# JOHN 17 – Jesus' Great Prayer

John 17:4,11,12,26

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

11 I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the [c]son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

26 I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Why did Jesus Pray for His disciples?

Brainstorming exercise.

He is God, Prayed for everybody, So we could get love, Carry on His work, He knew they would need prayer.

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Three Reasons Jesus prayed:

## He prayed because they were the perfect gift.

- a. It was a gift that was given by the greatest gift giver of the universe
- b. It was a precious gift
- c. There is a danger of gifts
  - i. A gift may be not appropriate
  - ii. It was a gift that was totally appropriate
    1. It was a gift of a PEOPLE
- d. Jesus loved this gift because they were the Father's choice for Him.
  - i. Jesus is the only one who gives us the right to KNOW God.
  - ii. Jesus is the only one who truly reveals THE FATHER.
  - iii. Jesus knew at this point in His eternity, there was a REASON for the cross
    1. We all do the things we do because of something else
      - a. There must be a reason for our doing
      - b. We do one thing in the full hope and faith that it will result in something else.
        - i. A desired result is the reason we go to work.
        - ii. A desired result is the reason we admonish our kids and grand kids.
    2. Jesus was to do because of that perfect gift

## They were dear because of the acceptance of the gift.

- After three years Jesus was going back to the Father. For Jesus it should be a time of joy and smiles. But it was not. It was a time of introspection and concern. Concern for his flock.
- While Jesus was with them, He was their light
- Jesus was worried about them

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Jesus could have \_\_\_ RAPTURED \_\_\_\_\_ them all that very moment to the very presence of the Father. To meet them in three days at the very Gates of Heaven.

But God had a \_\_\_\_\_ REASON \_\_\_\_\_ for leaving these men to live out their lives.

God has a reason for leaving \_\_\_\_\_ HIS GIFT, HIS PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ on this world to live out our lives.

## The third reason for the prayer for his own was because it was not the end.

They had a reason to continue.

The third reason for the prayer was they were to become the \_\_\_\_\_ THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD \_\_\_\_\_.

So Jesus prays for his given gift.

- Christ does not pray that they might be rich and great in the world, but that they might \_ THAT THEY BE KEPT FROM SIN \_\_,
- strengthened for their \_\_\_\_\_ DUTY \_\_\_\_\_ and
- brought safe \_\_\_\_\_ TO HEAVEN \_\_\_\_\_.
- He Prayed with his holy Father
  - That he would keep them by his power and for his glory,
  - that they might be united in affection and labors, even according to the union of the Father and the Son.
- He did not pray that his disciples should be \_\_\_\_\_ TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_ out of the world,
- But he prayed that the Father would \_\_\_\_\_ KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ them from the evil,

*I am no more in the world - I have finished my work among men, and am about to leave the world.*

*These are in the world - They will be among wicked men and malignant foes. They will be subject to trials and persecutions. They will need the same protection which I could give them if I were with them.*

Keep - Preserve, defend, sustain them in trials, and save them from apostasy.

What an amazing thought, Lord that You treasure me as a gift given to You by Your Father!

All because of the name of JESUS