

John 17 - Jesus' Prayer

(This series is based on *Listen, Jesus is Praying* by Warren Wiersbe)

Lesson 1 The Greatest Prayer John 17:1-26

In Bible, about 650 prayers are recorded, 25 of which are Jesus' prayers in the gospels. Most of these incidences just indicate that Jesus prayed. Only 8 times were His words recorded. Seven of these recorded prayers are only one word or up to two verses. However, John 17 has 26 verses (636 words) of Jesus' prayer to the Father.

John was a son of Zebedee and the brother of James. A commercial fisherman by trade, who followed John the Baptist before Jesus began His ministry. Mathew, Mark, and Luke were written to the Jews, the Romans, and the Greeks. These three books are the synoptic gospels recording the history of Jesus. John wrote his gospel about 50 years later presenting the teachings and doctrines of Jesus. Included in the gospel of John are the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus with only seven signs or miracles done by Him. These signs support and reinforce the "I Am" statements.

John wrote to show that Jesus was the Son of God, revealing the nature of the Father. [Luk 10:22] Jesus was the "express image" of God [Heb 1:3].

Teaching is light (illumination and understanding) and prayer bring heat (power and authority). Teaching and study of God's word must be paired and balanced with prayer and communion. Prayer is conversation and relationship with the God who gave this word to us.

"This is truly, beyond measure, a warm and hearty prayer. He opens the depths of His heart, both in reference to us and to His Father, and He pours them all out. It sounds so honest, so simple; it is so deep, so rich, so wide, no one can fathom it" (**Martin Luther**).

Charles Surgeon said, true prayer is measured by weight not by length. John 17 can be read aloud in about 3 minutes.

Why is this the greatest prayer ever?

1. the **Person** who prayed= Jesus the son of God and son of man [John 20:31]

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Jesus always equated Himself to the Father [forgiving sins Luke 5:18-26, breaking the Sabbath John 5:18, and I am before Abraham John 8:57-59]

2. the **occasion** of the prayer = night before His crucifixion, last words to disciples
The hour is come and now is for Jesus' return to the Father [John 16:28-32]

After the passover and Jesus' final teaching and comfort to His disciples, He prayed His high priestly prayer before His disciples and it was recorded for us. It was:

after a sermon and teaching (John 13-16)

after a sacrament (passover meal)

family prayer (inner group of disciples)

parting prayer (last words before death)

before a sacrifice (crucifixion)

an intercessory prayer (for disciples and future believers)

3. the **petitions** in the prayer = glory for Himself (to bring glory to the Father),
= security and sanctification of His disciples, and
= for unity of the church

Jesus cares for us [1Pet 5:7] and is our intercessor and His prayers and His desires are answered [Heb 7:25] [Rom 8:34].

4. the **victory** it gives us today = courage to overcome and the joy of this victory
John 16:33 gives us, believers, cheer (courage) and John 17:13 gives us His joy.

Jesus used "world" 19 times in this prayer, most of the time it meant the organized system of man's society without God or against God. Jesus addresses the characteristics of the world's system and the promises we have in God.

The world is: **Deceived**

but we have: reality of **eternal life** v.1-5, see 17:3

World is lied to and blinded by Satan and pride. The world has substituted: lies for truth, prices for value, quantity for quality, and toys for tools.

The things which are seen are temporal [2Cor 4:18] no matter how great or grand they are. The unseen spiritual is the true reality and higher than the physical world.

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The world is: **Dangerous**

but we have: **security** in God's name v.6-12, see 17:11

The earth will pass away. It is a powerful spiritual battleground and people are the prize. We are enemies of the evil forces and people in this world.

Our blessed assurance is in the completed (it is finished) work of Jesus at the cross, grave and resurrection. It gives us a foundation to live in this dangerous world without fear [2Tim1:7]. We have been given His name which is above all. [Eph 1:20-21]

The world is: **Defiled**

but we have: **sanctification** by the Word v. 13-19, see 17:17, 19

Most people have false gods of lust, pride, self-righteousness, self accomplishment (Tower of Babel in Gen 11). People are looking for life's reason in pleasure and indulgence. Their search for purpose and meaning will never end.

The truth sets us apart for His service and kingdom [1Cor 6:11] .

We came out of darkness into the Son's kingdom [Col 1:13].

Our purpose in live is being led by the Spirit of God [Rom 8:6] and being secure in His love and grace toward us without regard for what we have done or failed to do.

The world is: **Divided**

but we have: **unity** as God's glory given v. 20-26, see 17:21, 23

The strong forces of prejudice and competing rule the world's people. They continue comparing and measuring themselves with others [2Cor 10:12], which only gives them envy and pride. For the good of me and my tribe only is the world's cry, at the expense or the neglect of others.

The glory unifies the Father and Son. We are made one with them as we glorify (honor, value) them in our lives.

We will study Jesus' prayer to make a difference in our relationship to God and our lives through prayer. James 1:22 = be blessed not by just the study of the Word but by doing the Word

This prayer can be divided into three parts:

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Jesus prays for Himself, for His disciples, and for those believe through the disciples words.

John 17 Outline by Matthew Henry

1. He prays for himself (John 17:1-5).
2. He prays for those that are His.
 - A. The general pleas with which he introduces his petitions for them (John 17:6-10).
 - B. The particular petitions he puts up for them
 - [1.] That they might be kept (John 17:11-16).
 - [2.] That they might be sanctified (John 17:17-19).
 - [3.] That they might be united (John 17:11 and John 17:20-23).
 - [4.] That they might be glorified (John 17:24-26).

Lesson 2 Prayer Basics John 17:1

*1. These words spake Jesus,
and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
Father,
the hour is come;
glorify thy Son,
that thy Son also may glorify thee:*

John 17:1 AMP When Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify and exalt and honor and magnify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify and extol and honor and magnify You.

Disciples asked, Lord, teach us to pray [Luke 11:1]

They saw the presence and power of prayer in Jesus' life. Much time and many nights in prayer.

We learn by a coach and perfect by our practice. Examples may include pilot and parachute training.

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Prayer was an important part of Jesus' life:

While being baptized He was engaged in prayer [Luke 3:21].

At the beginning of His public ministry [Mark 1:35].

Before selecting the twelve apostles [Luke 6:12].

He was transfigured in prayer [Luke 9:29].

These words spoke Jesus

Last teachings (John 13-14-15-16) to His disciples before His death and resurrection.

John 13:34 washed feet, announced the traitor, love one another

John 14:6, 16 comfort, a promise of Comforter, preparation for us in heaven

John 15:4, 13 vine and branches relationship, fruit bearing, servant and friend,

John 16:22 tribulation and trouble followed by joy, Spirit of truth, promise of answered prayers

Father - relationship

A close relationship to the Father based on commitment to each other. God in His glorious grace makes the love commitment first and awaits for man to respond. God has offered the Father-son relationship to all of us. [Rom 8:16]

Jesus called Him: Father 3x, holy Father, and Righteous Father.

Hour is come

This is the greatest hour since hours began or even before hours were set in motion.

Prophecies hundreds of years past will be fulfilled in this hour.

What about to take place?

Son of God is to become sin to redeem man to the Father in pure holiness and righteousness. The death, burial, descending to hell, and resurrection to heaven of Jesus is commencing.

Several times previously in the gospel of John, Jesus said, "my hour is not come."

In John 2 at the marriage feast in Cana and in John 7 & 8, Jesus was attacked in temple. The hour had come at end of His ministry. [John 12:23, 27, 13:1]

Jesus showed His power and obedience to the Father's plan by avoiding death at other times (in the temple and at the brow of a hill in Nazareth). But he laid down His life in the garden. He could have called 12 legions (12 x 6000 = 72,000) of angels to defend Himself [Matt 26:53]. Jesus was obedient to the Father's plan and purpose for His life,

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death, and resurrection on earth as a man.

Glorify

Divine glory is value, praise, and honor exchanged between the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus glorified the Father in obedience at the cross, God glorified Jesus in victory at the resurrection. [Rom 6:4]

Brightness (=reflected brightness or extended-out rays) of his Glory [Heb 1:3] image of God

Cross is the finished work of Jesus. It is the measure of the love God has for us.

The world gave Jesus the cross, the Father gave Jesus the resurrection, and Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit.

When we bear fruit by the spirit, God is glorified. [John 15:8]

We glorify God and His Word (spoken and written) when we value (give priority), honor (fear, reverence), magnify (make large in our lives), exalt (place on high), and obey (willingly) Him.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Basic points to learn from Jesus' prayer:

1. Physical posture is not important

standing, walking, sitting, kneeling, hands up, hands folded, eyes open, or eyes shut

Jesus' eyes were lifted to heaven avoiding the world and the sights around Him

lifted up His eyes to feed the multitude [John 6:5],

at Lazarus' tomb [John 11:41]

But reverence to the Lord is, as David prayed [Ps 121:1-2]

Important is the posture (motivation) of the heart [Rom 10:9-10]

Prayers should consist of:

Praise Ps 150

Thanksgiving Ps 100

Agreeing with God Luke 8:49-50, Eph 4:24

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Aligning with His word 2 Pet 1:3-4

Asking and interceding Phil 4:4-7

Fellowshipping Rev 4:9-11

2. Pray **to the Father** (in affection and relationship)

Affection based on the son-ship relationship as a son, with inheritance rights.

Jesus did not say our Father, my Father, but Father (informal close relationship=Abba, Daddy, Dad)

Unity of the power of the Trinity is valuing (glorifying each other).

Relationship, the Son of the Father. Jesus was the first born of the brethren as Holy Spirit came over Mary at Jesus' conception.

pleasing, delightful for the Father to answer [Matt 7:11]

Pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Ghost [John 16:23]

3. Yield to the **Father's will** [v.4]

His plan and design is perfect in quality, timing, and the desired outcomes [1 Cor 4:5, Jer 29:11]

Our prayers should not be to get our will done in heaven, but to have God's will done in our lives on earth.

Glorify the Son so that He may glorify the Father by giving eternal life to those who accept the invitation. Jesus always places His mission and His sheep first.

4. **Glory of God** should be top priority [v.4]

Glory (doxa)= value, weight, honor,

Jesus received "doxa" (glory or honor) from God [John 5:41, 44]

Father's voice from heaven [John 12:23, 28]

The Father and Son are glorified at Lazarus' resurrection [John 11:4, 40]

Jesus is gloried in and by the Father [John 13:31-35]

Glory is given by honoring a superior's commands and obeying them, as child or a student obeys and brings glory to the parent or teacher.

Obeying God's truths are not the same as earthly wisdom [Jam 3:15]

get to give, be blessed to be a blessing,

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better to give than receive, last shall be first,
be a servant to be the greatest

Does our life, our prayers, and our words bring glory to God? [as Jesus did, Rom 4:20]
Will we pass the "Red-Face" test at Jesus' second coming?

Glory inherited by saints [Col 3:5]

We become the Lord's glory [1Cor 1:29-31]

Being fruitful glorifies the Father [John 15:8]

5. Pray in faith, seeing the invisible [2 Cor 4:18]

When we are talking to the unseen spiritual, then we see (spiritually) who and what we are talking about.

Word (prayers) must be mixed with faith to be profitable [Heb 4:2] to us and pleasing to God.

Prayer is not necessarily what we do, but more who we are (saints of God, called and sanctified (set apart) for His good works) [Eph 2:10].

Prayer should be the by-product of our love relationship (knowing) the Father. Knowing means spending time, listening and talking with the one you love and know.

Like a couple courting, they spend time together "just talking" and learning about each other.

Lesson 3 Remarkable Gifts John 17:2-3

*2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh,
that he should give eternal life
to as many as thou hast given him.*

*3 And this is life eternal,
that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

John 17:2 AMP [Just as] You have granted Him power and authority over all flesh

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(all humankind), [now glorify Him] so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

John 17:3 AMP And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.

God's nature is a giving and forgiving.

Jesus confessed and thanked the Father for what He had given.

God's name is His nature (faithfulness, loving, righteousness, and perfections).

In years past, a person's name was as good as his reputation and character. Business deals were made with a handshake when the parties knew each other.

We can and will know God according to our hearts [Jer 24:7].

Jesus placed Himself equal to the Father [John 9:18].

Given by Father to Jesus:

1. Authority to Jesus

authority and power relationship [Matt 28:18]

authority without power is frustration

power without authority is chaos

power with authority is order

Jesus was given authority and power [Luke 4:36, 9:1]

to act on the earth in human form [Rom 8:3]

to live, walk, become a sacrifice

to be a savior and a judge

2. People to Jesus

The people who believed became the church and His bride.

Godhead chose people but the people have responsibility to trust and accept the offer in faith. [Rom 10:9-10]

People chose God only to be surprised that God has already chosen them. [Eph 2:10, Rom 8:29-30]

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5 blessings to those given to Christ as His bride

eternal life [John 3:16. 17:3]

knowledge of the Father [Col 1:10]

Christ's intercession [Rom 8:34]

Divine protection [Rom 8:31]

Eternal glory [2Cor 3:18]

Given by Jesus to believers

3. **Eternal life** to Believers

Defined: not quantity on length, but quality (best) of life (zoe, God's life)

not just endless life, but true living (in purpose and fruit-bearing)

essentials for life, light, breath, water, food (Phil 4:19, everything in Christ)

Being born again, second birth, marks the beginning of eternal life.

Prov 3:6 AMP In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

Knowing Father and His Son is eternal life. [John 14:8-9, 2 Pet 1:3, 8, Jer 9:23-24]

Not just head knowing but a heart experience (heart=spirit+soul overlap). "To know" someone in OT is used like today's "slept with" someone.

It refers to an intimate, sexual relationship between husband and wife.

This intimate and personal relationship leads to trust (faith) and obedience (holiness) toward the person (God).

Know the Father through the son. [John 14:6-11]

Our lack of knowledge can lead to:

no grace and no peace [2Pet 1:1-2]

perishing [Hab 4:6]

bondage [2 Cor 10:5]

captivity [Is 5:13]

Eternal life is not just an extended life, but it is:

Expensive (the great price)– cost Jesus everything

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Expressive (the great love)– greatest act of love

Exclusive (the great invitation)– covers all, in all of time, everyone who receives

Jesus gave to the disciples and us as going-away gifts listed in every verse of John 17:
John 17:

v.1 relationship - John 20:17

v.2 eternal life - Romans 3:23

v.3 meaning of eternal life - 1John 5:20

v.4 Father's plan - John 4:34

v.5 extent of Jesus' sacrifice - 1Peter 1:20

v.6 the Father's name and nature - Psalms 22:22

v.7 Father's knowledge - John 7:16

v.8 Father's words - 1Thes 2:13

v.8 Jesus' origin - John 1:1-3

v.9 protective prayers - Heb rews7:25

v.10 ability to glorify Jesus - Phil 1:20

v.11 protection in the world - John 10:29

v.11 unity (with Jesus as with Father) - John 10:30

v.12 protection from loss - Hebrews 13:5

v.13 joy of Jesus - John 15:11

v.14 Father's word (truth) - John 14:6

v.15 safety from evil - 2Thes 3:3

v.16 release from the world (out of this world) - John 15:19

v.17 sanctification (separation) - 2Thes 2:13

v.18 commission (sent into the world) - Matt 28:19

v.20 gospel to others - Acts 1:8

v.21 a place in God-Jesus-Spirit - John 14:19-20

v.22 glory (value, worth, honor) - 2 Cor 4:6

v.23 perfection (complete, mature), endorsement, love - James 1:4

v.24 fellowship, a vision of Jesus' glory - 2 Cor 4:6

v.25 reason for Jesus' sacrifice - John 3:16

v.26 Father's love and Jesus' indwelling - John 6:56

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Lesson 4 Before the World John 17:4-5

*4. I have glorified thee on the earth
I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*

*5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me
with thine own self with the glory
which I had with thee before the world was.*

John 17:4 AMP I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do.

John 17:5 AMP And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed.

Glorified Thee on earth

Jesus brought glory (value, honor) to the Father by showing His loving nature to the people who were living under the law which kept them apart and in fear of God. The glory of God is the value of the cross of Jesus. God himself in the flesh of Jesus came to earth to redeem man into His fellowship. God demands judgment for sin and receives the punishment of Jesus in the place of man.

Completed work

The finished work includes Jesus' teaching, preaching, healing, correcting, rebuking, and miracles. He also demonstrated or manifested the nature of the Father who sent Him. The last demonstration of the love of God was to come at the cross, tomb, and resurrection. Jesus' cross removes man's sin, defeats the devil, offers grace and peace to man, makes man righteous, and renews the relationship between God and man.

What type of work is the finished work of the cross?

- >assigned by the Father, accepted by Jesus, and sealed by the Spirit [Eph 1:1-14]
- >completed, done once and for all [Heb 10:10]
- >glorious, to bring glory to the believers [2Cor 3:18]

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Glorify me

Jesus as a perfect lamb worthy and sufficient to pay the price for all man's sins: past, present, and future. God shared His glory with Jesus at the crucifixion with wondrous signs, and with the resurrection with a miraculous, glorified body.

Restore My Glory

Jesus knew separation from the Father was coming soon when He would be descending into Hell. His faith was in the God's power of justice that as a righteous man whom the devil could not keep.

God's plan for mankind is not a series of accidents followed by God's urgent interventions.

Before the World Was

What was going on before the world was formed?

1. Jesus was eternal God [John 20:31]

Gen 1:26 'Let us . . .'" the Trinity was involved in creation

Several times the three parts of the Trinity are mentioned in the same verses.

At Jesus' baptism, [Mat 3:17]; Jesus anointed to heal [Acts 10:38];
the blessings with us [2Cor 13:14]

Jesus was manifested in the old testament before He came in the flesh.

Abraham in [Gen 15:1], the word of the Lord, if Word is Jesus [John 1:1]

Issac [Gen 26:2] Lord appeared

Jacob [Gen 32:24-30] night wrestler

Joshua [Jos 5:13-15] the armed warrior

Three Hebrew children [Dan 3:25] the fourth man in the furnace

2. Jesus shared God's glory [Heb 1:3]

glory (G1391– doxa) = the value, honor, opinion, judgment, treasure, or
worth of a person or thing [Heb 2:7]

infinite perfections of the Godhead [John 1:14]

coming in the glory of the Father [Mark 8:38]

3. Jesus was the beloved son of the Father

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at His baptism [Mat 3:17]

on the mount transfiguration [Mat 17:5]

sent His best, "God so loves that He sent his beloved son . . ." [John 3:16]

4. The Father set His **eternal purpose** [Eph 3:11-12]

Purpose from the beginning of the beginning was for Jesus to come and pay our price of redemption [Eph 1:4, Tit 2:14].

This payment gives us boldness to come, to fellowship, and to be known and to know. [Rom 5:1-2]

5. Jesus agreed to **die for man's** salvation (eternal life) [1Pet 1:20]

Jesus' purpose, from before the created world, was to serve man, manifest the Father God, and lay down His life to enable man to re-establish relationship with God. [Mark 10:45]

Jesus humbled himself and took on the form of man. Jesus endured the cross as a man the perfect sacrifice for man's sins. The Just God can only fellowship with a righteous, redeemed man. [Phil 2:6-8]

Lesson 5 Discipleship John 17:6-8

*6. I have manifested thy name unto the men
which thou gavest me out of the world
thine they were, and thou gavest them me;
and they have kept thy word.*

*7. Now they have known that all things
whatsoever thou hast given me
are of thee.*

*8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;
and they have received them, and
have known surely that I came out from thee, and*

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they have believed that thou didst send me.

John 17:6 AMP I have manifested Your Name [I have revealed Your very Self, Your real Self] to the people whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have obeyed and kept Your word.

John 17:7 AMP Now [at last] they know and understand that all You have given Me belongs to You [is really and truly Yours].

John 17:8 AMP For the [uttered] words that You gave Me I have given them; and they have received and accepted [them] and have come to know positively and in reality [to believe with absolute assurance] that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and are convinced that You did send Me.

Manifested thy name

Jesus showed, revealed the name and nature of God as He showed care and love to all people (common, publicans, and religious leaders).

A disciple is a learner who attached themselves to the teacher as a current day apprentice. They were with the teacher the full time as the 12 disciples were with Jesus. A disciple learns from watching and doing not just from books and studying.

Gavest me out of the world

The disciples belonged to God [John 17:6]

By creation – God created all men to fellowship with Him. He made us and we are His.
By Jewish nation – they were of the chosen people who were to be an example of what God does for His people. (i.e. Deliverance from Egypt, miracles and power through His prophets, and conquest of Cannan)

Kept Thy word

The Disciples kept the word [John 17:6]

They obeyed the word – healed the sick, cast out demons, and preached the Kingdom [Luke 9:1]. They performed the word [Jam 1:22].

They guarded the word – valuable to them as David [Ps 119:72, 162]. Jesus' teachings and miracles were recorded in the gospels. Jesus said if you love me you will keep my

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word. [John 14: 23-24]

Thou hast given Me

The Father gave the word to the Son [John 17:7-8]

All Jesus said and did was directed by the Father showing the Father's nature and name. While the beauty and grandness of nature shows us some of the attributes of God, Jesus is the express image of Him [Heb 1:3].

The scriptures were also Divinely inspired, revealing God to us [2Tim 3:16].

I have given to them [John 17:8]

The Son gave the the words to the disciples

What does Jesus' prayer teach us about the word of God:

It is a **gift** – [v.8, 14] The full price has been paid, nothing we can do to earn or deserve redemption. We have been bought [1 Cor 6:20] and we are to value God in our bodies and in our spirits.

It generates **faith** – Faith comes not by praying but by hearing the word from God.

[Rom 10:17-18]

It **reveals** Christ to us – The scriptures bear witness of Jesus [John 5:19]. His teaching by Jesus on the road to Emmaus from Moses and the prophets [Luke 24:27].

It give us **assurance** – The disciples believed that Jesus came from God [John 16:30]. Jesus identified Himself with the truth [John 14:16]. Confidence and assurance is built upon truth.

they received and believed [John 17:8]

The Disciples received the word and believed

The word is a seed which is received and planted in the soil of the heart. The word grows and is nourished by the Holy Spirit as our teacher and guide and brings Jesus' sayings to our remembrance [John 14:26, 16:13].

The Spirit does not give us new revelations as all God's plan has been established from the foundation of the world. The Spirit gives us illumination of the hidden mysteries [1 Cor 2:7].

Thou didst send Me [John 17:8]

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The Father sent Jesus

The authority in which Jesus operated was due to His being sent from God, the Father. Many times He said that what He did and said was directed by the Father. Jesus practiced confession of this truth, 19 times in gospel of John and 6 times in Jesus' prayer. The disciples were very sure that He was sent from above. Jesus began His ministry [Luke 4:18] with this fact.

I also send them [John 17:18]

The Disciples shared the word

The disciples were the first generation of the church of Jesus. They went teaching, preaching, healing, and witnessing to all of the wonderful, good news (gospel) of the cross of Jesus. They reproduced new disciples (born again and filled with the Spirit) who taught others the truth. [2 Tim 2:2].

Disciples were not reservoirs of living water but were overflowing springs and rivers pouring out to people everywhere.

Healings in Jerusalem [Act 5:12, 15]

Filled the city with doctrine [Acts 5:28]

Cornelius' house [Act 10:34, 44]

Samaria [Act 8:12]

Paul's evangelizing in Ephesus, Corinth, Phillipi, and Rome [Acts]

Lesson 6 Saved and Sound John 17:9-12

9. I pray for them

I pray not for the world,

but for them which thou hast given me;

for they are thine.

10. And all mine are thine,

and thine are mine;

and I am glorified in them.

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11. *And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world,
and I come to thee.
Holy Father, keep through thine own name
those whom thou hast given me,
that they may be one, as we are.*

12. *While I was with them in the world,
I kept them in thy name
those that thou gavest me I have kept,
and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition;
that the scripture might be fulfilled.*

*John 17:9 AMP I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world,
but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You.*

*John 17:10 AMP All [things that are] Mine are Yours, and all [things that are] Yours
belong to Me; and I am glorified in (through) them. [They have done Me honor; in
them My glory is achieved.]*

*John 17:11 AMP And [now] I am no more in the world, but these are [still] in the
world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your Name in the knowledge of
Yourself] those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We [are one].*

*John 17:12 AMP While I was with them, I kept and preserved them in Your Name in
the knowledge and worship of You]. Those You have given Me I guarded and
protected, and not one of them has perished or is lost except the son of perdition
[Judas Iscariot--the one who is now doomed to destruction, destined to be lost], that
the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

We are in enemy territory, this world.

What makes us fear?

sickness, lack of money, people's opinion,

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[1Pe 5:7] Casting all your care (fear, worry, anxiety) upon him (Jesus); for he careth for you.

Fear in being alone against the troubles, conditions, but we have a protector.

[Joh 14:16-18] And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

What or whom can we depend upon?

How can we overcome fear?

Become care-free [Phil 4:13]

rest in His completed work of the cross [Heb 4:9-10]

His continuing, forever ministry at the right hand of the throne [Heb 7:25]

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

We will not fail or fall. We will be successful, faultless, more than conquers.

[Jud 1:24] Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

those that thou gavest me I have kept

I pray . . . for them which thou hast given me;

1. Jesus prayed for us.

Jesus' prayers are answered by the Father for they are one.

2. Jesus is still praying for us in heaven.

His finished work of the cross was completed on earth. His unfinished work in heaven is interceding for us. [Rom 8:34]

3. We are the Father's gift to the Son.

The church prays for the lost. Christ prays for the church. We are the messengers with

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the good news. Christ's heart desire is for us to succeed bringing the gospel to the lost.

4. God is glorified in believers.

The Father's character is to love [1John 4:10] and care, keeping His loved ones safe as His children, we are protected.

5. The unity of the church.

The family of children who are cared for by the Father. Unity of the God-Head is the core of the believers.

United like the vine and branches of John 15, and the body of church 1 Cor 12.

6. The finished work of Christ.

It brings the full salvation (forgiveness, health, provision, and purpose) to all of us.

7. We are safe and sound.

We are kept by Jesus as a guard keeps the prisoners.

Lesson 7 Jesus the Man John 17:12

12. While I was with them in the world,
I kept them in thy name
those that thou gavest me I have kept,
and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition;
that the scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:12 AMP While I was with them, I kept and preserved them in Your Name in the knowledge and worship of You]. Those You have given Me I guarded and protected, and not one of them has perished or is lost except the son of perdition [Judas Iscariot--the one who is now doomed to destruction, destined to be lost], that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

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Lesson 8 In the World John 17:13-16

13. *And now come I to thee;
and these things I speak in the world,
that they might have **my joy** fulfilled in themselves.*

14. *I have given them **thy word**;
and the world hath hated them,
because they are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world.*

15. ***I pray** not that thou shouldst take them out of the world,
but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.*

16. ***They are** not of the world,
even **as I am** not of the world.*

John 17:13 AMP And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts].

John 17:14 AMP I have given and delivered to them Your word (message) and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world [do not belong to the world], just as I am not of the world.

John 17:15 AMP I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one.

John 17:16 AMP They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world.

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They are not of the world.....

world is: created universe, all people, or system without/against God.

Like astronaut or scuba diver, we are foreign, enemy territory. [John 16:33]

We have to use tools, gifts, and resources given by Jesus to overcome the world and not be overcome.

Jesus gives us:

1. His joy v.13

Christ gives us many resources: peace [my peace I give unto you, John 14:27] and love [abide in my love, John 15:9].

The joy from Christ is not a substitution (like a child can be distracted from crying or a red sport scar in mid-life crisis) but transformational (as a woman giving birth to her baby) in John 16:20-22.

By knowing the truth (word) and trusting in His promises, our sorrows are turned into joy not replaced. The birth process causes pain and joy. [joy set before Him, Heb 12:2] [My joy remain in you, John 15:11].

2. His Word v.14

Word is world with the "L" taken out or it.

It is spiritually discerned by the believer and foolishness to the world. The truth in a deceived world is like a grain of gold in a gold pan of mud. We can overcome the dirt of the world knowing His word, promises are true. [John 15:18-21]

The dirt filled world denies that any shine bright value even exists. We can dig through the dirt because of the hope of finding value (glory) in the world of people. This truth separates the believers from the world people, who hate the believers. [1John 5:18-20]

3. His Identification v.16

Our identification with Christ as an ambassador (with authority), an imitator (in acts, words, and attitudes), and a warrior (standing fast) in the world. We are known as Christians and carry His name (above all names). We have the right and privilege to be His mouth, eyes, ears, hands, feet, arms, and heart in this world which is against us and Him. We are the ambassadors of Christ with authority and dignity in this world.

As He is so are we in this world [1 John 4:17].

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4. Jesus' prayers v.15

His prayers are protection, provision, and providence for the church which remains in the world. We are in the world not isolated or insulated from it and its problems but we have the faith and trust in the power of Jesus' answered prayers. The evil one who steals, kills and destroys is kept from us. [John 10:10]

We are not conformed to the world but transformed [Rom 12:1-2] as we are equipped for every good thing to please Him [Heb 13:21].

Lesson 9 Sanctified by the Word John 17:17-19

*17. Sanctify them through thy truth
thy word is truth.*

*18. As thou hast sent me into the world,
even so have I also sent them into the world.*

*19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself,
that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*

John 17:17 AMP Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.

John 17:18 AMP Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

John 17:19 AMP And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.

And for their sakes I **sanctify** myself,

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that they also might be **sanctified** through the truth.

1. The What of Sanctification - Sanctify means to set apart for a holy use, not being made holy. Set part is positional not an endowed characteristic or a change in the nature of an item. Rocks in an dedicated altar to God are not any different in composition from other rocks around the area. (Examples church building, firetruck, or a time period of worship). Believers are sanctified by Christ because they are received in Christ.

2. The How of Sanctification - God is a God of truth [Ps 31:5], abundant in loving kindness and truth [Ps 86:15], His works are true [2 Sam 7:28], Jesus is full of grace and truth [John 1:14], Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth [John 14:17]. The Bible is truth, a book I can trust. Jesus is truth, a person I can follow. The Holy Spirit is truth, a spirit in which I can life. Progression of sanctification comes from all three persons of God. We are set apart for His glory in us in the world.

3. The Why of Sanctification The gospel message (too good to be true news) is spread and preached by people in the world but not of the world. To be of service to the lost world of people, believers are sanctified (set apart), developed, and sent. We give what is freely given to us [Matt 10:8].

4. The Model of Sanctification Jesus sanctified Himself for service. Presenting the Father to the Jews was one of the main goals of Jesus he humbled Himself [Phil 2:8]. Sanctification leads to service, service leads to submission. Jesus served individual, multitudes and enemies doing the will of the Father. Jesus was the perfect example of sanctification in contact with the world without contamination.

Sanctification makes us different from the world and is that which enables us to minister to the world. We display a difference with strength and confidence which attracts the world of searching people. We can admire heroes and those who accomplish much. Only Jesus, can we glorify, imitate, and worship. In doing so, we become like Him as he lives in us and we in Him.

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Lesson 10 Christians United John 17:20-24

*20. Neither pray I for these alone,
but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

*21. That they all may be one;
as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee,
that they also may be one in us
that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

*22. And the glory which thou gavest me
I have given them;
that they may be one,
even as we are one:*

*23. I in them,
and thou in me,
that they may be made perfect in one;
and that the world may know that thou hast sent me,
and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

*24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me,
be with me where I am;
that they may behold my glory,
which thou hast given me
or thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

John 17:20 AMP Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching,

John 17:21 AMP That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.

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John 17:22 AMP I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:

John 17:23 AMP I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.

John 17:24 AMP Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

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Lesson 11 World, Church and Father

John 17:25-26

*25. O righteous Father,
the world hath not known thee
but I have known thee,
and these have known that thou hast sent me.*

*26. And I have declared unto them thy name,
and will declare it
that the love wherewith thou hast loved me
may be in them,*

John 17:25 AMP O just and righteous Father, although the world has not known You and has failed to recognize You and has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand and know that You have sent Me.

John 17:26 AMP I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very [3]Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them.

25 Prayers of Jesus in the Gospels

Most incidences were just noting that Jesus prayed. Only 8 occasions were His words recorded.

Other than John 17, Jesus' recorded prayers were only from one word to two verses.

John 17 has 26 verses (636 words) of Jesus' prayer to the Father.

Praying at His baptism (Luke 3:21,22)

Praying before His first preaching tour of Galilee (Mark 1:35-39)

Praying after the healing of a leper (Luke 5:12-16)

Praying before choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12,13)

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Praying after being rejected by certain cities in Galilee (Matthew 11:25-26)
Praying prior to the feeding of 5000 people (John 6:11)
Praying after feeding 5000 people (Matthew 14:22,23)
Praying as He healed a deaf man (Mark 7:32-37)
Praying prior to feeding 4000 people (Mark 8:6)
Praying before Peter's great confession (Luke 9:18)
Praying during His transfiguration (Luke 9:28-35)
Praying after hearing the report of the seventy (Luke 10:21-22)
Praying before teaching the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9-13)
Praying at the grave site of Lazarus (John 11:41, 42)
Praying over little children (Mark 10:13-16)
Praying in the temple on Palm Sunday (John 12:20-28)
Praying over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 19:41-44)
Praying in the upper room prior to His death (Matthew 26:26-28)
Praying for Peter (Luke 22:31-34)
Praying His great High Priestly Prayer (John 17)
Praying in Gethsemane prior to His death (Mark 14:36; Matthew 26:39)
Praying on the cross (Luke 23:34; Matthew 27:46; John 19:30; Luke 23:46)
Praying at His resurrection (John 20:17)
Praying at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
Praying at the Ascension (Luke 24:50-53)