

JESUS' PRAYER FOR YOU

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INTRODUCTION

A. TEXT: *"Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me."* (John 17:20-21).

B. SETTING:

1. The night of Jesus' Betrayal.
2. Ended His "Farewell Discourse" with *'I have overcome the world.'*
16:32
3. Following that remark He immediately offers this prayer for His disciples.

C. THEN IN OUR TEXT: (20-21) He includes all in this prayer, who become believers.

1. If you are a Christian, then Jesus prayed this prayer for you.
 2. Since Jesus prayed for us we should know all we can about that prayer.
 3. When Jesus prayed for you, WHAT DID HE PRAY?
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HIS GLORIFICATION

A. THAT WE MAY SEE HIM AS HE IS: *"glorify thy son, that the son may glorify thee"* v. 1.

1. His prayer was that God and His Son should be glorified.
2. To receive the honor that they should have.

B. JESUS CAME:

1. To defeat Satan. (Gen. 3:15).
2. Pay the debt of Sin (Rom. 5 and 6).
3. Conquer Death (I Cor. 15).
4. Save man from sin (New Testament) Gospel is the "Good News".

C. WAS EXALTED:

1. *"Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Phil. 2:9,10) See vs. 5-8.
 2. It is this Glorified One who Prayed For You.
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ETERNAL LIFE

- A. *"That to all whom thou hast given him, he shall give Eternal Life. v. 2*
1. The emphasis is on "Life".
 2. Jesus is "the life". (John 14:1-6).
 3. He came that we might have life. (John 10;10; 20:31).
- B. ALL WILL BE RAISED (John 5:28).
1. Some to "eternal destruction".
 2. Others to "Eternal Life".
 3. Jesus prayer, for you and me is that we may have Eternal Life.
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KNOW AND BELIEVE

- A. JESUS PRAYED THAT WE MAY KNOW AND BELIEVE THE TRUTH.
1. *"they have kept thy word...and they believed that thou didst send me."*
6,8
 2. Jesus had taught them, and through them made it possible for us to Know and Believe.
- B. THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING AND BELIEVING THE TRUTH.
1. *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* (8:32).
 2. This freedom is freedom from sin. *"Everyone that committeth sin is the bond-servant of sin."* (Jn. 8:34).
- C. It is Possible to Believe Something Other Than The Truth.
1. *"And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* (II Thess. 2:11,12).
 2. God's Word Is Truth (John 17:17).
 3. Thus Jesus Prayed that we may **know and believe the Truth!**
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WE MAY HAVE JOY

- A. JESUS PRAYED that we may have joy in the face of an antagonistic world.
1. *"that they may have my joy made full in themselves."* v. 13.
 2. *"..that you joy may be made full".* (Jn. 15:11).

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B. Joy In Anticipation Of What Is Yet To Be!

1. *"Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross."* (Heb. 12:2).
 2. *"For I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day."* (II Timothy 1:12).
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KEPT AND HOLY

A. *"I pray not that thou should take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one."* v. 15.

1. *"But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and guard you from the evil one."* (II Thess. 3:3).
2. *"and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand."* (John 10:28).

B. SANCTIFIED. v. 15.

1. To "sanctify" is to set apart for holy purposes.
 2. To "consecrate." Used esp. for persons or things to the service of God.
 3. Our being sanctified or consecrated is to be reached through the truth as embodied in His Word.
 4. The "word" is "truth" because it is the sum of our information regarding God's will for us today.
 5. It is this "Word" that He sends with us into the world. v. 19
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UNITY

A. AN ETERNAL INTERCESSION.

1. See Text: vs 20-21.
2. The Lord prayed FOR ME when death for Him was but a few hours away.

B. The Object Of This Prayer Was That all His disciples Should **Be One!**

1. He prayed for unity of faith, of practice, of aim, of purpose and of love.
 2. *"That the world may believe that thou didst send me."*
 3. Division and disunity is one of the greatest barriers to conversion of world.
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CONCLUSION

A. JESUS PRAYED THAT WE MAY PARTAKE OF HIS GLORY.

1. *"Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is."* (I John 3:2).
2. Remember His promise.... *"I am going unto the Father".... "That where I am there you may be also"* (John 14).

B. *"Father, I desire 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: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world knew thee not, but I knew thee; and these knew that thou didst send me; and I made known unto them thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith thou lovedst me may be in them, and I in them."* (John 17: 24-26).
