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John 17

John 17 is a prayer that Jesus spoke less than 24 hours before His crucifixion. He prays for the Glory of His Father to be clearly seen in what is about to happen. He prays that His walk on this earth is exactly what the Father had asked Him to do.

He then prays for His disciples, for believers but He specifically says He will not pray for the World.

We just finish Chapter 16 where Christ was talking about “**a day**” that was coming and things were going to change drastically for all believers. He now is going to focus not on **a day** but an hour. It is the hour that will bring about the change in the lives of every human being that will accept the free gift of salvation. Without **this hour**, the day that we learned about in Chapter 16 would never come to be. We know that these references to times are not precise in the quantity of time as we understand or when they happen. What we have learned is that when Jesus uses the term: Season, it can contain years, when He uses Day it can contain months and when He uses “Hour” it can be within a

certain day.

1These 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:*

It is hard for us to conceive that the Crucifixion of Christ was in anyway a glorification of Jesus. It was a time however set by God before the Creation of the Universe that the Law would be fulfilled and any of mankind that would believe would be saved.

The death of Christ was the fulfillment of the law of sin. Sin brings death period. When Christ stepped into the role of Savior for each of us, He died specifically for each of our sins. He paid the price the Law required of each of us.

Jesus looks up to heaven as a sign of looking into His Fathers eyes. Jesus fully understands what is coming and asks the Father to glorify the Son. In that Glory of death for mankind will come an even greater glory, the raising of the Son from death to Eternal Life and that glorifies God in His Power, Love, Mercy and Grace.

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

God emphasized the importance of mankind from the beginning. When Heaven became aware of God's plan for salvation, the Angels were astounded at such love for mankind and according to Peter wanted to look deeper into that love that God has for man.

1 Peter 1:10-12 10As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. 12It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

Now it tells us in vs 2 that Jesus is given power over all flesh. Flesh is usually referenced to the bad part of human nature. It rarely speaks of a good part of humanity with the exception of when it references Jesus Christ; IE John 1:14 or of God ordained marriage in Ephesians 5:31.

John 1:14And the Word was made 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.

Ephesians 5:31 31For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

3And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Jesus was obedient to Glorify His Father in Heaven with His walk on earth. As it was coming to its conclusion He asked God to Glorify Him **as it had been before the creation of the world**. I believe we are one day going to learn much more about the “before creation” than we can even conceive now.

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Jesus is praying to the Father, but we are reading what He said 2000 years ago. How is that possible? Jesus was talking to God out loud in front of His Apostles. John was there and heard it and now recounts exactly what Jesus said through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Disciples

6I 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.

All things and all things animate or inanimate belong to God!
God loves His creation but loves mankind above all.

***1 Corinthians 3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men.
For all things are yours;***

***Psalms 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S,
and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell
therein.***

***Job 41:11 Who has a claim against me that I must
pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.***

***Deuteronomy 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the
heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth
also, with all that therein is.***

Every human life and all other life and matter on this earth
belongs to God, but at this time God gave a few of humanity
to His Son. To begin this worldwide relationship with Jesus,
Jesus needed a group of loyal men to begin the process of
building up the Body of Christ.

**7Now they have known that all things whatsoever
thou hast given me are of thee. 8For 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 they have believed
that thou didst send me.**

God selected the precise men to follow His Son, including

Judas. It was through these 12 men that the foundation of the Jesus Relationship Salvation would spread around the world. God gave Jesus the words to speak, the actions to take and Jesus shared them with the Apostles.

Jesus declares that His Apostles believe He is from God. But shortly they will scatter, so how is it that Jesus is so confident that His Apostles Believe?

Jesus is seeing His Apostles and disciples, as they will become, not necessarily as they are at this moment in time. He does the same with us. He sees us as what we will become through HIS selfless act to give us salvation and regeneration and by our asking Him into our lives. We should constantly try to improve mainly by surrendering our lives to Him but at the same time walking out His commands in our lives in obedience. We are being prepared to rule and reign with Christ during the Millennial Reign of Christ.

Seeing things, as they will be as opposed to how they are, is an exercise in Spirituality. Human nature, the flesh, really sees only what physically is, not what is spiritually possible.

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and

calleth those things which be not as though they were.

9I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11And 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.

We have looked at this word “world” before. The Greek word and definition is:

Phonetic Spelling: (kos'-mos)

Definition: the world, universe; worldly affairs; the inhabitants of the world; adornment.

We get a sense of what Jesus is talking about when He says the “World”.

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

This “world” that Jesus says hates you are people, those who reject Christ, reject God, the Unbelievers.

It is in essence the people of the world that we see around us, those who with hatred of God, anger, sin as it exists. It is these that Jesus is not praying for. It is what God’s wrath will seek out and destroy and Jesus declares He will not pray for

it or them. He prays to God the Father on behalf of those who Believe, the ones God has given Him. What does He have to do with those whom reject Him? We all have a choice to Believe or not to believe. God's desire is that "all come to repentance".

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

12While 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.

To make that point even more clear, He references all His disciples; those whom He shared His life with and chose out of the world to lead in the Ministry of the Gospel. Of the 12 Apostles, 11 stayed with Him but one who acted as the "son of perdition" and betrayed Him. Even though called, Judas recanted his calling and divorced himself of eternal salvation.

The rest Jesus states that He kept.

From Strong's Concordance "kept"

tereo tay-reh'-o: by implication, to detain (in custody; figuratively, to maintain); by extension, to withhold -- hold fast, keep(-er), (pre-, re-)serve, watch.

Jesus set a boundary of protection around the disciples and as long as they stayed under the protective covering or within that boundary by choice they were sustained. Only one chose to leave that protective covering and dance with the world for money and was lost.

Just as a reminder, Jesus is praying to His Father, and He is mainly speaking of His disciples. We as believers can read these verses and take to ourselves the core of what Jesus is saying, but Jesus is speaking to God about the disciples, the foundation of what will be the Body of Christ on earth.

13And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14I 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. 15I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Jesus is speaking words that are Truth. This Truth will last an eternity and the Words that Jesus has and will speak will bring joy to a fallen world. The world, the flesh, those who reject Christ will hate the words and hate those who love and

find joy in Christ and in His Word. Jesus knows this and is asking God to protect the Apostles, those who will build on the foundation that Jesus laid. This hatred will last and grow over generations to the times we see now.

Matthew 28:19 19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

And as we learned in John 16 to **“bear fruit”**.

So, in verse 15 Jesus clearly asks God not to take the **disciples** out of the world but to keep them from evil.

16They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

“They” of course are the Apostles. The Apostles and disciples chose their path and it was with Christ.

Now relative to a broader understanding of this verse as it pertains to believers over time since the time of the disciples. It does effect what God has done since then. He has left believers on the earth to carry out the mission with and through the power of the Holy Spirit. That will not be always the case as we have seen in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. But until

that time of Rapture, God is active in the lives of the believers. The power of the Holy Spirit through the lives of Believers is a restraining force against the powers of darkness.

Remember in the analogy of the vine and branch, the “sanctification” or “pruning” was a cleansing of the branch’s, the Believers. God told us what He used to do that cleansing with. Does anyone remember what God uses to cleanse or “sanctify” the branch with and why?

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

When God says He is pruning we think of a clipper that cuts part of a branch off. What He is speaking of is His Word, cutting to the very marrow of a Believers bones, circumcising the heart, chastising the Believer through His Word. His Word is Truth, it is Truth that prunes the branches of the Believer. If we do not respond to God’s pruning, if we are not producing fruit, we need to seriously take a look at where we are in relation to Christ.

18As thou hast sent me into the world, even so

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

*Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the
Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be
witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all
Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part
of the earth.*

*1 Thesalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace
sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit
and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Jesus says He **sanctified** Himself that the disciples might be
sanctified as well.

Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-ad'-zo)

KJV: hallow, be holy, sanctify

NASB: sanctified, sanctify, hallowed, sanctifies, keep
himself holy

Q. How do you suppose Jesus sanctified Himself if the Word
of God is what sanctifies us?

We would assume that He used the same source, the Word
of God, the words spoken to Him by the Father were a
sanctifying instrument, just as that Word now written is an
instrument to sanctify us.

This prayer is for the Apostles and disciples but gets expanded shortly. When Jesus is saying “they” He is speaking specifically again of His Apostles and disciples. And He is speaking of them, as they will become believers after the resurrection.

They in fact were still of this world when He was praying this, He is speaking again as God sees. He sees what will be as opposed to what is.

We have looked at this word “sanctify” before. It is hagedzo in the Greek and means;

Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-ad'-zo)

Short Definition: I make holy, sanctify

We have discussed that sanctification is a process as we walk through our Christian walk, but as we discovered before, God sees it as completed, when He looks at believers He sees His Son, all sin has been washed away, all of us have become New in His eyes.

You and I know the truth about our own lives. We are sinner saved by Grace. We stumble some times daily, but we repent and seek forgiveness for those sins. And God is Trustworthy and filled with Mercy to forgive us IF we repent.

Our next responsibility is to resist the devil in future encounters with sin. James 4:1-10 says.

James 4: 1From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Even though some would call it a work, it is our obligation to “resist the devil”. It has nothing to do with salvation but a lot to do with the sanctification walk. We can’t just go through life coasting on the presence of the Holy Spirit. He can accomplish great things in our lives, but we have to take an active role of resistance otherwise Satan will use us as he pleases.

But that still leaves us with the reality of the walk in this life. We can't just do what ever we want, speak anyway we want, behave anyway we want. When we come up with ways to not forgive others, even those who sin against us, we are deluding ourselves and stymieing our sanctification walk. Our sanctification although completed in God's eyes to take hold in our actual earthly lives requires us in our walk with Jesus to show our love for Him by adhering to His Commandments. God is preparing us for something very important.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 John 5:3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

2 John 1:6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

There are about 38 specific Commandments that Jesus left us with. They can be summed up in these three questions.

- 1.How do we love God?
- 2.How do we love others?
- 3.How do we walk out our lives?

When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment from God He said this in two ways.

"The Greatest Commandment"

Matthew 22:36-40 Jesus was asked: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

"The Golden Rule"

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Now Jesus expands His prayer to include us, those before us and those who come after us.

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

Jesus' prayer in vs 12 through 19 specifically pointed to the disciples, but here in vs 20 it expands to take in all Believers that are transformed by the Word of God, both the Old and New Testament. He puts great responsibility on the disciples here and declares that ***"them also which shall believe on me through their word"***. "Their" is referring to the Disciples/Apostles that would write the New Testament. The

Apostles/Disciples of Jesus would in fact write many letters that we know as Books at the direction of and dictation of God the Father through the Holy Spirit. Those letters/books would result in the continued building on the foundation that Jesus laid on earth while He was here.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no one is able to lay another foundation, besides the one being already laid, which is Jesus Christ. "Berean Study Bible (BSB)"

21That 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.
(emphasis mine)

This word "they" again is referring to Believers. Believers two thousand years after these words were spoken.

Quoting a One Solitary Life; By Dr James Allen Francis

***"He was born in an obscure village,
The child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in still another village,
Where he worked in a carpenter shop
Until he was thirty.
Then for three years
He was an itinerant preacher.
He never wrote a book.***

*He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a house.
He didn't go to college.
He never visited a big city.
He never traveled two hundred miles
From the place where he was born.
He did none of the things
One usually associates with greatness.
He had no credentials but himself.
He was only thirty-three
When the tide of public opinion turned against him.
His friends ran away.
He was turned over to his enemies.
And went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross
Between two thieves.
While he was dying,
His executioners gambled for his clothing,
The only property he had on Earth.
When he was dead,
He was laid in a borrowed grave
Through the pity of a friend.
Twenty centuries have come and gone,*

***And today he is the central figure
Of the human race,
And the leader of mankind's progress.
All the armies that ever marched,
All the navies that ever sailed,
All the parliament that ever sat,
All the kings that ever reigned,
Put together have not affected
The life of man on Earth
As much as that
One Solitary Life."***

Unity of Believers as the Christ centered Body of Christ is an important step in the world to bring about unity within Christ lived out through those that call Him Savior. NOT unity of religion.

Setting aside denominations of whatever brand, there is a unity of Spirit within all true Believers. Could we do more to galvanize that relationship? Probably so but that would require people to put aside their fleshly understanding and their manmade doctrines and religions and rely solely on God's Word and the Spirits interpretation. What we can agree on is what Paul said.

1 Corinthians 2:2 *1And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,...*

So how can we be united in Christ? Through fear and trembling that we know without a doubt that Christ the Son of God, gave His life for us on the Cross and was raised from the Dead to join His Father in Heaven and be at His Right Hand. If we know and agree on nothing more, that is sufficient. It is sufficient for salvation and sufficient for unity.

Beyond that, unity only comes as the Holy Spirit brings it to us as we study the Word of God. If we don't agree with God's Word then it is not of the Holy Spirit, or our flesh has again gotten in the way of our walk in Christ.

22And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23I 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.

Q. Reading these two verses what do you suppose would be a way that Satan would try to intervene in God's Plan?

Religion as opposed to relationship

1 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Satan being the father of lies, has no better way to try to disrupt God's plan than being an imposter to replace God's plan or key players in God's plan. Take what looks like a Christian group, using a little truth and imbedding the lies that will destroy and kill, not build and grow in Truth. There is no need to speak the lies that are being told in many churches around the world. The lies are apparent to anyone who knows God's Word. It is real and it is growing.

I saw in the news Friday that a dispute arose between a couple of people we believe to be a conservative, Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens. Tucker claims a new relationship in religion but not sure which religion and I am unsure about Candace Owens relationship with Christ. The issue is growing in that these folks claim that the Christian Right believes that God told them to support Israel at all costs. Meaning that Israel controls the Christian right. That is not what God said. They also believe the Israel of Abraham and the Israel of today have no connection. Both of these

notions are lies and distortions of what God said. And thirdly they believe the Scofield Bible was a set up by the Rothchild's to have a Bible written that gives a clear claim to the land in the middle east by Israel. I won't defend the Scofield Bible, it is widely used by many seminaries, my sense is that it is an accurate translation and has some excellent foot notes or commentary on most verses.

We will take a moment to clarify the truth about the first two lies being told.

The creation of the land of Israel, even though not called Israel until God changed Jacob's name to Israel was first promised to Abraham.

Genesis 12: 1Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So, God gave all of mankind, all nations a choice; bless or curse. Whatever you decide will be returned to you, but it is

your choice, not a demand.

God specifically laid out the boundaries of Israel when He gave that land to Abraham. Even though true, Israel does not have all the land God gave Abraham, they do have a valuable part of it and have Jerusalem as their Capital.

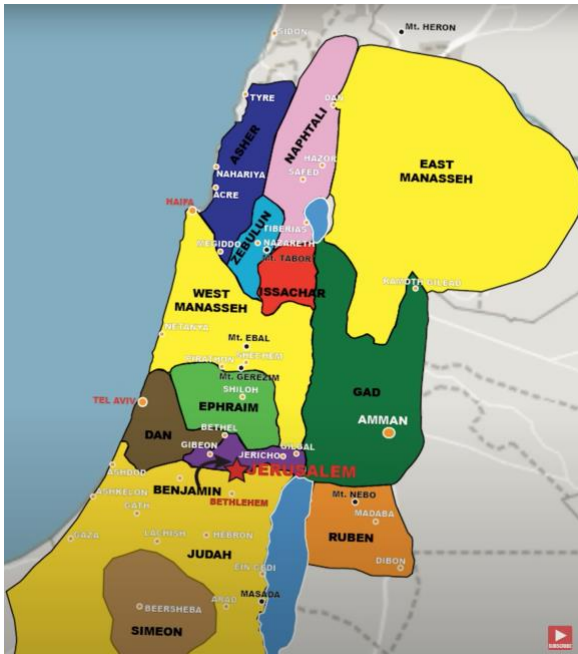
Genesis 13: [14](#)And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: [15](#)For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. [16](#)And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. [17](#)Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. [18](#)Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

God reiterated the promise in Genesis 15.

Genesis 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Exodus 32:13 Remember Your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, to whom You swore by Your very self when You declared, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, and I will give your descendants all this land that I have promised, and it shall be their inheritance forever.'"
(emphasis mine)

“forever”



Back to our verse

John 17:22*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23I 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.*

Now it gets really interesting in a way that I doubt we can fathom. When Jesus speaks of His Will it is always aligned with the Father's Will. This leaves no doubt that our destiny as believers in Christ Jesus is to be with Him and behold His

Glory; the Glory that He had before the forming of this universe and world. Our minds cannot even imagine that glory, it will only become clear when we are there and see it.

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: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
(emphasis mine)

Strong's Concordance

The word **"Will"** at the beginning of the verse in the Greek is:

"Phonetic Spelling: (eth-el'-o,) 2307

Definition: I will, wish, desire, am willing, intend, design.

A more definitive explanation from Strong's Concordance is this.

"2307 thélēma (from 2309 /thélō, "to desire, wish") – properly, a desire (wish), often referring to God's "preferred-will," i.e. His "best-offer" to people which can be accepted or rejected.

[Note the -ma suffix, focusing on the result hoped for with the particular desire (wish). 2307 (thélēma) is nearly always used of God, referring to His preferred-will. Occasionally it is used of man (cf. Lk 23:25; Jn 1:13.)]

Jesus, who is God, is asking the Father who is God to grant Him Jesus the desire of His heart that those who the Father had given Him, would **"be with me where I am; that they**

may behold my glory”

Based on the entirety of scripture, I am pretty sure that what Jesus is asking of the Father, is exactly the Father's Will as well. We will in fact be in the presence of Jesus Christ the only Son of the Living God and will in fact see Jesus's Glory as it was before the creation of this universe and world we live in.

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, and I in them.

Jesus has dedicated the same love that He had with God and God had with Him that that love will be the same love that we have, united together as Believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus declares not only does He want the same love that He and the Father share to be in Believers but that He would be in the Believer as well.

The branch is a part of the vine and the branch cannot survive without the vine. The branch is in the vine and the vine is in the branch. The sustaining love from the Vine

Dresser is transmitted to the Vine and from Vine to the branch.

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