

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life - John 17 - The Lord's Prayer

Sunday AM 07/28/19

I) Jesus Prays for Himself, vv. 1-5

A) The much anticipated time for Jesus death is now at hand, *v. 1; John 7.30; 8.20*

1. In His death God would be glorified.
2. In the Gospel we have God's plan for salvation, Jesus executing the plan, and the Holy Spirit revealing the plan.

B) Jesus has all authority over all mankind, *v. 2; Matthew 28.19*

1. His law is not limited to the Jews but all mankind. Does not exclude non-Christians.
2. His purposes - to give eternal life, *John 10.28*

C) To have eternal life one must know God and Jesus, *v. 3*

1. Acknowledge God as Creator and Sustainer.
2. Acknowledge Jesus as deity, Ruler and Savior, *John 8.24*

D) Jesus gloried the Father by doing the will of the Father, *v. 4*

1. God's will for Jesus was to be born of a virgin, take on the body of flesh.
2. God's will for Jesus was to learn obedience and die on the cross, *Acts 2.30ff*
3. Why? *John 3.16*

E) In *verse 5* we go from "I have glorified Thee" to "glorify Me"

1. Jesus glorified God on earth by His obedience.
2. God would glorify Jesus by lifting Him up.

II) Jesus' Prayer For the Apostles, *vv. 6-19*

A) Jesus came to reveal the Father, *v. 6*

1. These disciples had accepted Jesus by receiving His words, *v. 7*
2. They believed Jesus came from the Father

B) Specifically He prayed for the 11 Apostles, *vv. 9-10*

1. They would have the burden of seeing Jesus die and then preaching the Gospel.
2. They would be living monuments for Jesus.
3. Today's Christians are still living monuments - wear His name, under His Lordship, know His word.

C) He prayed for unity, v. 11

1. In unity they could rely on each other, comfort each other, building up each other, stand for the truth together.
2. Imagine what division among the Apostles would have done to the cause of Christ.
3. Only one has been lost, "The Son of Perdition" v. 12
4. While Christ was here He could protect them.
5. He said these things for their hearing and benefit, v. 13

D) They had accepted His word and were hated, v. 14; John 3.19

1. They would be persecuted, despised, and eventually killed for the cause of Christ.
2. Christians can not be isolationist but salt and light, v. 15
3. How would they be protected and yet be in the world? vv. 17-19; John 14.26; 16.13
4. Be sanctified is to be made holy by the truth, God's word will sanctify, 1 Peter 1.22a
5. They had to believe and obey His word

6. They would be sent to testify of Jesus, *v. 18*

III) Jesus' Prayer For Us, vv. 20-26

A) Unity, vv. 20-21

1. The same unity that Jesus had with the Father, unity in the truth, *Ephesians 4.4-6*
 - a. Not unity in diversity or unity in doctrinal differences "speak the same thing"
 - b. Unity in truth, in purpose, in love, etc.
2. They would also receive glory
3. Factions and divisions are two great obstacles to Christianity
 - a. Today over 2000 denominations, what would have been like if there was only one true church?
 - b. Division hurts congregations; they are made ineffective by division and strife. Every one will agree to that fact but how will we have unity? By going by the word of God and nothing else.
4. True unity would stand out in the world, *v. 23*

B) They will be with Him in heaven, *v. 24; John 14.3*

**C) God is righteous, He will judge us in righteousness,
Jesus is righteous in doing the will of the Father.**