

Upper Room – Part 12

Christ’s Prayer for His Own

John 17

This is the greatest prayer recorded in Scripture. Theologians have called it the Holy of Holies in the Gospel record. We must approach this chapter in a spirit of humility, reverence, awe, and solemn worship as we are allowed to listen in to God the Son conversing with His Father just before He is about to give His life as a ransom for sinners.

I. Prayer Requests Concerning Himself

➤ **To be Glorified as the Son so that He can Glorify the Father**

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the _____ is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:” John 17:1

“These words spake Jesus,” –

“the hour is come;” –

“glorify thy Son,” –

➤ **Eternal Life for as Many as God Gives Him**

“As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give _____ _____ to as many as thou hast given him. And this is _____ _____, that they might know (GK – on going; keep on knowing) thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (Gk – sent messenger).”
John 17:2-3

“power” to give eternal life –

“to as many as thou hast given him.” –

“And this is life eternal,” –

➤ **Restoration of His Pre-existent Glory**

“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have _____ the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had (pre-existence glory) with thee before the world was.” John 17:4-5

“I have glorified thee on the earth:” –

“I have finished the work” –

*Jesus is not facing death as a disappointed, fearful man,
but as one with a sense of victory!*

“glory which I had with thee” –

II. Prayer for His Disciples

➤ **Rehearses the Accomplishments of His Earthly Ministry to the Disciples**

1. Jesus had revealed to the disciples God’s _____ and they have _____ God’s word.

“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 _____ thy word.” John 17:6

“manifested thy name unto the men” –

“thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me;” –

“they have kept thy word” –

2. Jesus knew that the disciples _____ that all Jesus had was given of the Father.

“Now they have _____ that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.” John 17:7

“Now they have known” –

3. Jesus knew that the disciples _____ that He was sent from the Father.

**“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have _____ them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have _____ that thou didst send me.”
John 17:8**

“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,” –

“they have believed that thou didst send me.” –

➤ **Prayer for Their Protection**

“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are _____. And all mine are _____, and _____ are mine; and I am glorified in them.” John 17:9-10

“I pray not for the world,” –

“for they are thine” –

“I am glorified in them.” –

“And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, _____ (Gk - _____) through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I _____ them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have _____, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.” John 17:11-12

“I am no more in the world,” –

“keep through thine own name” –

“that they may be one, as we are.” –

“I kept them in thy name:” –

“scripture might be fulfilled.” –

**“And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have _____ joy fulfilled in themselves. 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. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest _____ them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”
John 17:13-16**

“that they might have my joy/I have given them thy word;” –

“the world hath hated them,” –

“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world,” –

“keep them from the evil.” –

“They are not of the world,” –

➤ **Prayer for their Sanctification (to be set apart for a work)**

“Sanctify (_____) them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also _____ them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” John 17:17-19

“Sanctify” –

“thy word is truth” –

“sent me”/”sent them” –

“I sanctify myself,” –

III. Prayer for Believers to Come

➤ Prayer for Unity

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through _____ word; That they all may be _____; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be _____ in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be _____, even as we are _____: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in _____; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” John 17:20-23

“through their word;” –

“That they may be one” –

“Christ prays that our prejudices, or bias, or self-seeking pride or denomination or cult, may be superseded by an outgoing love for all who love and trust the Lord Jesus.” JRRice p. 338

“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them,” –

“made perfect in one” –

“I in them, and thou in me,” –

“that the world may know” –

“hast love them, as thou hast loved me.” –

➤ **Prayer for Their Eternal Home with Him**

“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be _____ me where I am; that they may _____ my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”

John 17:24

“be with me where I am;” –

“for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.” –

➤ **Closing and Summarizing of the Prayer for His Own**

“O righteous Father, the world (_____) hath not known thee: but I have known thee (_____), and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and _____ declare it: that the _____ wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and _____ in them.” **John 17:25-26**

“O righteous Father,” –

“I will declare it” -

“that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them,” –

“and I in them.” –

*Thus Christ ends His prayer
only to continue it again shortly at the right hand of His Father in heaven,
until all believers are gathered with Him for eternity!*

*“If you and I will understand and apply the truths revealed in this profound prayer,
it will enable us to be overcomers too!”*

Believers Application:

1. Prayers of Christ:

Blessed/Thanked the Father for Food – Luke 24:30; John 6:11; Mark 8:6

Thanked the Father for Disciples Understanding – Matthew 11: 25-27; Luke 10:21-22

Tomb of Lazarus – John 11:41-42

“Father, glorify thy name.” – John 12:28

Garden of Gethsemane – Mathew 26:39, 42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42

Prayers on the Cross – Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:34, 46

Prayer in the Upper Room – John 17

2. Jesus said, “I am glorified in them.” (v. 10). How do we glorify Christ with our lives?

3. Let’s review the Spiritual priorities of Jesus’ heart in this prayer.

4. Unity – Practical aspects within our church and beyond!

➤ I Peter 3:8

➤ Eph. 4:3

➤ Phil. 2:2-4

➤ 2 Cor. 13:11

➤ Acts 4:32