

## **The Sovereignty of Christ & His Love in a Hostile World (John 17)**

- Jesus offers up to His Father on the night of His betrayal five petitions
- Though varied & interwoven they all reflect some facet of God's love
- These petitions are permeated with Trinitarian love: they are not linear
- Five petitions Jesus offers for His disciples, they also provide the basis on which each petition is offered, its theme /end, tied to love of God

### **I. Jesus Prays: Father Protect His Followers from Danger (11,15-16)**

- Jesus prays for His disciples because He is going away
- He will no longer be with His disciples to protect them.

### **II. Jesus Prays That His Father Will Make His Disciples One (20-23)**

- This Oneness: purpose of the first petition: God, protect His disciples
- Protection in God "Father, just as you are in Me & I am in you" (21)

### **III. Jesus Prays That God Will Sanctify His Followers (17-19)**

- means / agent of sanctification is the Word He has spoken the Word
- The agent God used throughout history (Josh 1:8-9; Deut 17; Ps 1:2)

### **IV. Jesus prays His disciples experience fullness of His own joy (13, 24)**

- Jesus prays His followers will experience full measure of His own joy

### **V. Jesus Prays That His Followers Will Be with Him Forever (17: 24)**

- Foundation of this petition is the eternal love of the Father of the Son
- Ultimate purpose of petition – glory of the Son, vindication of the Son
- The Father is resolved that all Jesus' followers behold His glory forever