

17:6-9 Christ's Own  
Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ  
Reading – John 17:6-9 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016

Today we want to start looking at Christ's Prayer for His Disciples. As we look into this section, we are again reminded of what a blessing it is to have this prayer in our bibles. We are in the thrown room of God, invited to listen in on a conversation about us in the Godhead. Every word is sweet as Christ prays for us. Yet don't just rejoice that He is praying for us, listen and hear what He is saying. This Prayer should encourage us, correct us and humble us. He is telling us what He as the Son of God cares about, what He is looking for and concerned with for us. Think of that! Next week we will get into His actual petition for us, but first let look at what He reminds the Father of regarding His Disciples. This should help ground us in our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of His.

- Vs. 9 Who is Christ Praying for? Vs. 9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given me out of the world.
  - For the “ones the Father His given the Son”.
    - They are His: 1.) by right as creator. 2.) As Judge of the whole Earth. 3.) As a chosen Group of People given as a Love gift to the Son. (*Matthew Henry Commentary*)
      - Isaiah 49:6-9 <sup>6</sup> Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'  
<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You." <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; <sup>9</sup> That You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' To those who *are* in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights.
    - Why did God give us to the Son? Vs 8-9 give us an idea.
      - To restore the earth & us: who are Prisoners (of Sin and Death Isaiah 61:1-2), who are in Darkness (Spiritual 2 Cor. 4:4), are hungry (for righteousness Matthew 5:6), We are under a curse, even creation itself groans under it. (Christ came to save Sinners, of whom I am chief. 1 Tim 1:15)
        - Romans 8:20-25 <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; <sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.  
<sup>23</sup> Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.
- Christ does mention the World in verse John 17:21 After praying that we may all be one He gives this reason, “That the world may believe that You sent Me.” All of His Prayer revolves around God's Plan to redeem man by sending 'The Servant'. The Servant would be the: 1) Sacrifice 2) Visible Display 3) instructor 4) Caretaker / Shepherd
- John 17:6 I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
  - Manifested – To make visible or known what has been hidden. by word / deed or any other way. 2. To make actual or visibly realized...
  - Romans 9:22-26 <sup>22</sup> What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, <sup>24</sup> even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved<sup>1</sup>." <sup>26</sup> "And it shall

come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God<sup>1</sup>."

- 1 Co 12:3<sup>3</sup> Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Co 14:6-7<sup>6</sup> But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? <sup>7</sup> Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played?
- Gal 1:11-12<sup>11</sup> But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. <sup>12</sup> For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 6:18-20<sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--<sup>19</sup> and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak
- What are the Results of Having made God Manifest?
  - Verse 6 – They have kept Your Word. No other way, no other instruction. God's word is an incredible Gifts.
    - 2 Peter 1:3-4<sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.
  - John 17:7 They have know that all things which You have given Me are from You.
    - Right understanding of the Godhood. There is a respect and honor of all, but an understanding of what their functions are.
  - John 17:8 I have given them the words which you have given Me; and thy have received them, and known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.
    - The Words, plan was from the Father. God has given us His words so that we may receive them, and know Christ.
    - Look at the Purpose given here in the Godhead and the Word.
      - 1. The Father chose a people for His Son.
      - 2. He sent the Son to Manifest His name to those people.
      - 3. He sends the Holy Spirit to draw those people. To convict of Sin, teach the word, cause life and belief to arise that they would see the “(2Co 4:4) the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”
      - 4. The People have received the words of the Son and believed:
        - That the Father sent Him,
        - Understood His teaching of the Father.
        - They have seen the Father, John 14:9, and understood the Fathers plans.
        - They become His ambassadors, calling others in the name of the Father to come through the Son.
      - 5. They are kept by the Son and the Father.

Real Salvation is when Christ shows us the Father, we receive His words, we follow. Has this happened to you. If not, keep praying that God will do it. (Isa 55:6)<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Prayer ..... “Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” **(2Co 13:14 NKJ) In Jesus Name**

Sing the Doxology.... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen