

**Theme:** As Jesus leaves the world he prays for security, holiness, and joy for his disciples. We don't need to leave this world to receive them.

**Background:** Jesus prays for his disciples. This is not a theological treatise – but it is rich and deep and transforming in its “theology”.

**Introduction:** What attributes or characteristics identify us, either individually or corporately? As Jesus prays, he draws us to the defining marks of the church for whom he gave his life.

## I. “In” But Not “Of”

### A. Jesus is leaving

1. Speaks in the present (11)
2. The cross is pulling him forward – anticipating rise to glory!  
NOTE: Living in the present without hope the future is a crushing experience
3. He is not “of this world” (14,16)

### B. The Disciples are not (leaving)

1. Remaining in the world  
- Facing the trials Jesus faced (15)
2. Jesus wants us here!
3. We are no longer “of this world” (14)  
- They don't share the desires, purposes, or end of this world

### C. Kept in His name (11b)

1. “Holy Father”
  - a. *Holy*  
- **The** defining attribute of God
  - b. *Father* – personal, intimate, familial  
- There is no “distance” between the Father and the Son
2. “In your name”
  - a. ”Keep *them*”  
- Keep them as your own, following you, loyal to you

## Mark #1 – Bearing His Name!

- b. In unity (This will be explored more fully next week)
- c. Kept and Guarded by Jesus (12)
  - 1). *In* (not *by*) the name!  
- Not lost any
  - 2). The one who was lost  
- Fulfilling the Scripture  
- The “Son of Perdition” (cf. Philippians 3:19; Matthew 7:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Peter 2:1)

## II. Sanctified

A. Jesus is sanctified! (19) NOTE: Sanctify/consecrate = same root as “holy”.

- Includes people and objects  
(cf. Jeremiah 1:5; Leviticus 8:30; 2 Chronicles 29:19)

1. Sent by the Father (Thrust of the whole gospel)  
- To do his will

2. Consecrating himself

NOTE: Not like an animal sacrifice that had no say in its part. Jesus gives himself as the perfect lamb of God.

B. His Disciples are sanctified (17)

### Mark #2 – Holiness! We are Sanctified! Set apart for holy use.

1. By Jesus work  
- The cross that is before him

2. In truth! (17,19)  
- Jesus is **THE** truth!

3. In the Word (14,17)  
a. “Given them your word”  
b. He is the Living Word – embodied in Jesus Christ

NOTE: The *means*, the method that God will use to sanctify them – is the truth. “His word is truth!”

### Mark #3 – People of the Word, set apart through the Word

4. Disciples Sent into the world  
-Not to make another sacrifice for sin  
-But to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the message!

### Mark #4 – Mission

## III. Finding Joy (13)

### Mark #5 – Joy!

A. In the Savior’s joy  
- His joy in us (15:11)  
- Delivered at the center of his prayer!

B. Fulfilled in us

1. Joy in spite of circumstances  
- Over 130 New Testament references to “joy”, “rejoicing”, “be joyful”

2. Hindrances  
- Not in the Word of Truth  
- Not in the fellowship of believers (Unity)  
- Focus on “circumstances”

NOTE: The marks of the disciples bore (and bear) the fruit of joy. For life that is seeking Christ finds true joy. This is Jesus prayer even now.