

17:20-23 02 One with the God of Hope

Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

Reading – John 17:20-23 4 September, 2016

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He placed a garden in the earth and placed a man and woman in the garden. He looked and saw that it was 'very good.' Yet man fell. A prepared people were put in a prepared place and failed. God did this a second time in Abraham. He called out a people to love in Abraham. He prepared a place for them and brought them into the land. He gave them His law so that they could know Him and keep His commandments always, but they fell. Almost 2000 years ago, God started to fulfill His promises from the beginning, to once again call out a people for His own. This time He gave us a lot more of His word. He gave His Son to pray for us, and He placed His Spirit within us. This is what is offered to those who would come to God, oneness through the Spirit with the Father and Son. Hope, because it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me like Paul said in Galatians 2:20. Let's look some more at this oneness we are offered in Christ, a oneness based on submission to God through His Word, which produces a visibly unified people who are filled with love, following God together. Join us as we continue to look at Christ's prayers that we all may be one.

- John 17:21-23 “²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”
 - What is the Oneness that He prays for? – It is a submission to the Father in thought, word, and deed.
 - Ephesians 4:1-6 “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.”
 - 1 John 1:3-4 “³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”
 - Psalms 16:11 “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.”
 - Vs. 21b “that the world may believe that You sent Me.” – A visible sign to the world, the submissive oneness. Christ-likeness.
 - John 13:34-35 “³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
 - Why all these signs for the world?
 - God created us to show forth His glory. Matthew 5:13-16 Salt / Light / City on a Hill... John 11:4 Lazarus – this sickness, not unto death, but for the Glory of God.
- Vs. 22-23 “²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”
 - What Glory? John 17:1 Father the hour has come, Glorify your Son. Make us a part of the Cross. John 7:39 “But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...because Jesus was not yet Glorified.”
 - 1) Salvation and the gift of the Spirit that makes us one.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:20-31 Where is the wise? The Scribe?... “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”
 - Galatians 6:14 “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

- 2) Suffering –
 - **Acts 5:40-41** “⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.”
 - **Luke 6:22** “Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.”
 - **Romans 5:1-5** “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Hope and Love)
 - **2 Corinthians 12:10** “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (Knowledge & Strength)
 - **Philippians 1:29** “For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake”
 - **1 Peter 4:13-16** “¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” (Rewards)
 - **1 John 1:3-4** “³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.” (Joy)
- **Vs. 23** “I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”
 - Perfect in One... Complete in Unity.
 - **Ephesians 4:11-15** “¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ--”
 - That the World may know that you have sent me. (God is still concerned with sending a witness)
 - **Romans 1:20** “For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”
 - **Romans 2:12-15** “¹² For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law ¹³ (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)”
 - and have loved them as You have loved Me. This is what makes the gospel wonderful and Awful.
 - Loved by God, One with God, The temple of God, Holy, separate unto Him... Loved by Him.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:16-17** “¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.”

Two sides, God's or Satan's, two destinations and eternities, Heaven or Hell, two different relationships, loved family member or enemy under wrath. Fear or Hope. We have been offered an awesome Salvation. Will you come to God and surrender to Him?