

A PRAYER LIKE NO OTHER (John 17)

Part 1 - John 17:1-19

I. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF (17:1-5)

Key Word – glorify (glory) 5 times in the passage

Vs. 1

- Reciprocal response

“Father, glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.”

Meaning – Jesus is saying, “return me, via the cross, to the radiance of your unshielded presence that I once had”.

Vs. 2-4

- Mission accomplished (He sees past the cross)
- Authority to save all the Father has given him
- Jesus revealed the Father’s glory by completing the work
- Eternal life = “know” the Father through the Son

INFORMATION (about the Father and the Son)

+ AGREEMENT (repentance, faith)

= BELIEF (forgiveness, eternal life)

TO THINK ABOUT

1. Contrast Jesus’ prayer to yours and mine
2. This prayer is not a paradigm to follow other than to have God’s will completed in our lives
3. Imagine the conflicting emotions that Jesus experienced as he anticipates the “cross” before “glory”

II. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES (17:6-19)

- Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17) is the final time of private discussion/fellowship with his chosen 11 (minus Judas) before his arrest, trial and crucifixion
- Imagine being one of the disciples hearing Jesus pray to the Father for YOU knowing that the future impact of the Gospel rests in your hands

JESUS’ PRAYER REMINDS THE DISCIPLES THAT:

1. They were CHOSEN by the Father (6-8)
 - From out of the world
 - Given to Jesus
 - Believed Jesus’ words
2. They will be PROTECTED by the power of His Name (9-12)
 - Brought glory to Jesus already
 - Protection produces unity (11) and security (12)
3. They will be SANCTIFIED by the truth of His Word (13-19)
 - joyful (13)
 - persecuted (14-16)
 - sanctified (17) (set apart for holy purpose)
 - sent (18)

TO THINK ABOUT...

Have you heard Jesus pray this for you?

- chosen, protected and sanctified.