


John Chapter 17 “Jesus’ Prayer”

I. Jesus Prays About Salvation (Verses 1-8)

1. Salvation glorifies God (1,4-5)

- i) Jesus’ time had come. He was going to die on the cross, and through His death we would be saved and have eternal life.
- ii) The cross glorifies God because He defeated sin, death, and Satan on the cross, and proved that He is sovereign. It also glorifies God because it shows how great His grace is toward us.

2. Salvation is a free gift (2)


 *Ephesians 2:8-9* “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

3. Salvation is knowing Jesus (3)

- i) Salvation isn’t about doing a religion it is about knowing a person.
- ii) Knowing God through Jesus is eternal life. If you don’t know Him and have a relationship with Him then you aren’t saved.

4. Salvation is seen in the good works of those who are saved (6-8)

- i) Good works can never save you (remember it’s a relationship and a free gift!) but good works and a proper confession are proofs that you are saved.

 *Ephesians 2:10* “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”


II. Jesus Prays About Security (Verses 9-15)


1. Only those who are in Jesus are safe (9)


- i) We have a special relationship with God that the world doesn’t have
- ii) If you have never accepted Jesus you are in great danger

2. God keeps those who are His (10-12)

- i) We belong to God and God is responsible for our wellbeing.

 *Philippians 1:6* “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”

 *Romans 8:35-39* “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

 *John 10:27-29* “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

- ii) We must make sure that we are walking with Jesus in our everyday decisions

- It’s not how far can I go and still be saved...an attitude like that is proof of a heart that has never been transformed. If we want to know all of the sins that we can get away with we can be sure that our life has never been completely given to God.
- Some believe that the tailgate is down—every bump you are in danger of falling out. Some believe that the tailgate is up and you can’t fall out. I believe that you don’t have to worry about the tailgate if you are up near the front next to the driver!
- Judas had a show of religion but his heart really didn’t love Christ.

3. We need His security because of the enemy (13-15)

- i) Jesus doesn't take us out of the world or away from danger but He does keep us and protect us through the danger.

III. Jesus Prays About Sanctification (Verses 16-19)

1. Jesus wants us to be “set apart” from the world (16)

- i) We are in the world but not of the world. Just like a boat is in the ocean, but the ocean should not be in the boat!
- ii) Are you just like the world or is there holiness and Christ-likeness in your life?

2. The Word of God sanctifies us (17)

- i) Do you want to be set apart? Do you want to be more holy? Study the Word of God!
 - 📖 *Ephesians 5:25-27* “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

3. Jesus makes sanctification possible (18-19)

- i) He was perfect in every way and died for our sins so that we could be holy in position and practice.

IV. Jesus Prays That We Would Have the Same Mind (Verses 20-23a)

1. Jesus is praying for all who believe in Him in truth (20)

- i) The truth according to the Word of God, the Bible. This is the message that the disciples would later write down by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- ii) If He is praying for us all then we are all of the same family and should love one another and get along.

2. Jesus wants us to have unity (21)

- (i) “In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love” –St. Augustine (354-430 AD)
 - 📖 *Philippians 1:27* “...that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”
 - 📖 *Psalms 133:1-2* “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.”
- (i) “I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field.” - John Wesley

3. Jesus has already given us unity through faith in Him (22)

- 📖 *Ephesians 4:3* “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

4. A united church will be a powerful witness for Christ (21, 23)

- i) People will not be reached as they should if the churches keep fighting about non-essential issues.

V. Jesus Prays Because He Loves Us! (Verses 23b-26)

1. Jesus loves us and wants to be with us forever (23b-26)

- i) This is His prayer: that we would know and experience His loving presence in our lives.