

John 17 The Lord's Prayer

One

Jesus left Eternity and Stepped into Time to Save Us

- Left Eternity to save us from enticing **World System**

John 16:33 "...be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- Left Eternity to save us from **Ourselves**; i.e. our sinful nature

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

- Jesus left Eternity to save mankind from **Satan**

1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus left eternity for 30+ earthly yrs. to save us from the world, our sinful nature, the devil
He is really looking forward to going home...

- **John Chapter 17: Jesus High Priestly Prayer**
- Longest prayer of Jesus in Gospel
- Divided into three sections...
 1. Jesus prays for **Himself**
 2. Jesus prays for the **Apostles**
 3. Jesus prays for **Us**

I. Jesus Prays for Himself

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven

- "Spoke these words"? Chapters 13-16
- **Lifted His Eyes to Heaven:**
 1. Got His eyes off of earth
 2. Off Temporal/On Eternal
 3. Literally from Horizontal to Vertical perspective...**Looked up. Eyes open.**
- **Preparing for suffering He knows is coming**
 1. Jesus is on this side of the Brook Kidron
 2. Cross over in Ch.18 to Garden of Gethsemane
 3. **Praying to His Father:** True Lord's Prayer

1b... and [Jesus] said: "Father, the hour has come.

So many times, "My hour has not yet come" now "**Father... My hour as come**"

- **Suffer within a literal hour:** Still time to reconsider?

Isaiah 50:7 "...I have set My face like a flint

Purpose would be fulfilled; i.e. Save as many "whosoever" as desire to come to Him

- Father, the hour has come...

1b...Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

- **Glorify:** gr. *do-ksä'-zō* honor, magnify, to adorn
- As You glorify Me...I will glorify You?

How will being taken, beaten, and crucified on a tree honor Jesus and the Father

2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

Worthy of Glory and Honor for making way for sinful man have Eternal Life

- Give glory to One another...
 1. Honor from Father to the Son for agreeing to become man and die for man
 2. Honor from the Son to the Father for His plan to **redeem a bride for Son**

**Sin was a heinous thing that man injected into the Creation of God
Saving us was a big thing in the universe. Jesus sacrifice is an awesome thing**

1 Peter 1:12 [OT Prophets did not completely understand what was given them with regard to the Salvation plan] ... but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—**things which angels desire to look into.**

Angels were amazed to see how God would save man!

- **Gospel:** God became man and died on a tree to pay for our sin
 1. Jesus was given authority over all men by the Father to save
 2. The Father gives Jesus all who would be saved
 3. Jesus saves every single man/woman/child that comes to Him

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me **will come to Me**, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

- Those that the Father brings to Jesus; those predestined to be saved

In light God's foreknowledge; i.e. God knowing they would choose to bend the knee

- Can anyone not be saved? Not on this side of Heaven.
- This side of Heaven...if you want to be saved He will save you

What we need to know this side of Heaven? God desires every soul to be saved...

2 Peter 3:9 [God is] ...not willing that any should perish but that **all should come to repentance.**

1 Timothy 2:3 ... God our Savior, 4 ...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Those that desire to be saved will come / Those that come were predestined to be saved

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Eternal Life?
 1. To know God as revealed in both the Father and Son
 2. Not to know about God *but to know God*

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are **not willing to come to Me** that you may have life.

Remember, therefore, it is not thy [grip] of Christ that saves [you]—it is Christ; it is not the joy in Christ that saves [you]—it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument—it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to [your] hand ... grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to [your] hope, but to Jesus, the source of [your] hope; look not to [your] faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of [your] faith. [Spurgeon]

- Religion cannot save. Denominations can't save. Only the Person of Christ can save
- Eternal Life is to know the Father through believing in the Son

4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

In Jesus mind/heart this was a done deal...There was no turning back

5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Glorify us together...I want to be back with You...the way it always was

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2 He was in the beginning with God.**

- God became man...

1 Timothy 3:16 ...without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh

Philippians 2:7 [Jesus] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the **likeness of men.**

- **Before/during cross:** Emptied of prerogatives/privileges of Deity. [JVM] Still God.
- After the cross Jesus took His rightful place!

Hebrews 1:3 [Jesus is...] the brightness of [the Father's] glory and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things by the word** of His power, when He had by Himself **purged our sins**, sat down at the **right hand of the Majesty on high**

From Heaven the angels looked on in amazement as the Son of God said... "It is finished"
They would be bowing to Him in Person soon after that

SUMMARY Jesus prays for Himself. I want to be back with you Dad, Abba.

II. Jesus Prays for His Apostles

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

- **Manifested:** Made known/Displayed Your Name to 12 men

God's Name represented in God's Attributes
God's attributes are not what God does...but who He is

1. **Infinite:** Never a beginning and never ending
2. **Immutable:** Never changing
3. **Self-Sufficient:** Never Needing
4. **Omnipotent:** All-powerful
5. **Omniscient:** All-knowing
6. **All Faithful**
7. **All Good**
8. **All Just**
9. **All Merciful**
10. **Completely Holy and Pure**
11. **All Gracious**
12. **All Loving...**

"It is a strange and beautiful [attribute] of the free God, that He has allowed His heart to be emotionally identified with men. Self-sufficient as He is, He wants our love and will not be satisfied till He gets it. Free as He is, He has let His heart be bound to us forever. God's **love is active**, drawing us to himself. His **love is personal**. He doesn't love humanity in some vague sense, he loves humans. He loves you and me. And his love for us knows **no beginning and no end**. [Tozer]

- Jesus manifested God's Name by manifesting God's attributes though Word/Deed

I have manifested Your Name to the 12 Men You [Father] have given Me...

- Father gave Jesus the 12 Apostles...

Luke 6:12 [Read] Now it came to pass in those days that [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and **continued all night in prayer to God**.

- Given list by Father during while praying night; called out the list the next day

..13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the

son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

- These are specifically who Jesus is praying for. Chosen by father. Re-chosen by Jesus

6b... and they have **kept Your word**. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have **given to them the words** which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

- **Kept Your Word**; i.e. To believe that Jesus was Messiah come from God

John 16:29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we **believe that You came forth from God.**"

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

- **Jesus prays for His own; not for the world**

I will make a startling statement which is no more startling than what He made: Jesus Christ does not pray for the world today. His ministry of intercession is for His own who are in the world. He doesn't pray for the world.; He died for the world. What more could He do the the world? He sent His Spirit into the world to convict the world of sin righteousness and judgment. Jesus Christ prays for His own. [JVM]

10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

- **I am glorified in the Apostles:** Jesus looking at who He knew they would become

Judges 6:12 [Gideon hiding from Midianites] ...And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "**The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!**"

- **Jesus sees us for who He knows we can be in Him**

1. Sees a coward becoming a mighty man of valor
2. Sees a shepherd boy becoming a King
3. Sees faithless Apostles as who would turn world right-side up, Glorify Him

11 Now **I am no longer in the world**, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep through** Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

- **No longer in the world?**

1. Jesus praying in Spirit; He has completely left behind the things of world
2. Work is already complete in His mind

- **Prayer for them when I am gone:**

1. Keep them
2. Make them one

- **Keep them:** Work of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:12 ...you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- **Make them One:** Again, work of Holy Spirit. One body with head Christ

Romans 12:5 ...we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus.**

- **Seeing each other as One:** All physical barriers broken down

2 Corinthians 5:16 ...we regard no one according to the flesh.

- We cannot judge a person's Spiritual condition by appearance
- We are one in Christ no matter we dress, our ethnicity, skin color, ability or disability

We don't all need to wear suits/ties and speak Christianize.
The well-dressed man stands on equal ground with barefoot man or one with T-Shirt

We are all equal at the foot of the Cross

- Prayer for Apostles applies to all believers
 1. One under the Name of the Father
 2. One because of the Blood of Christ
 3. One unified by the Holy Spirit

One with each other...as Christ is One with the Father?
Loving Intimacy communication with one another? How are we doing?

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the **son of perdition**, that the **Scripture might be fulfilled.**

- **I kept them in Your Name:** Only one was lost and that was part of the plan

Judas would be used to move Jesus to the Cross and save man from sin and death
Judas used his freewill/his choice unknowingly as part of God's predestined plan
That the Scripture might be fulfilled...looking annals time used what He knew

Psalms 109:8 Let his days be few, And let another take his office.

- **Judas the Son of Perdition?** Another will have this title...

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the **son of perdition**

- **Perdition:** Lit. Destruction, Waste, Damnable, Lost

Son of perdition was **lost** by his own choice and yet within **God's eternal plan**

Mark 14:21 The Son of Man indeed goes **just as it is written of Him**, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man **if he had never been born.**"

Acts 1:25 ...Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My **joy fulfilled in themselves.**

- **My Joy fulfilled:** Rejoice exceedingly, to be well, to thrive

Nehemiah 8:10 [People were sad] Do not sorrow, for the **joy of the Lord is your strength.**"

[A person that has the joy of the Lord...] is independent of men and angels, and fearless of devils; all creatures may turn against him if they please, but since God is his exceeding joy, he will not miss their love or mourn their hate! He stands where others fall; he sings where others weep; he wins where others flee... [Spurgeon]

- Jesus prays for joy and thriving in the midst of persecution...

14 I have **given them Your word**; and the **world has hated them** because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

- Gave them Your Word and things changed for them...
 1. Your Word set them apart from the world's and its deception
 2. The world hates them because they are not like them...they are like Me

They believe in absolute truth and one narrow way of Salvation...

The Word of God is causes problems in the world today. The Bible is the most revolutionary Book in the world. It is revolutionary to teach that you cannot save yourself, that only Christ can save you. And you can't make this world better. Only Jesus can do that. That's revolutionary, and the world doesn't want to hear that. They'd rather plant a few flowers and try to clean up pollution. The problem is that the pollution is in the human heart. [JVM]

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

- Leaving them in war zone: We are to resist him...

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith

James 4:7 ...submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

We resist the Devil and are kept by the Father by knowing God's Word

Matthew 4:10 ...Jesus said to [the devil], "Away with you, Satan! For it is written..." 11
Then the devil left Him

- Keep them from the evil one...

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

- Just as Jesus is not of the world...so we are not of the world

Sanctified and set apart. New Creation perfect in Christ Heaven Ready

- Sojourners/Pilgrims

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, **glorify God in the day of visitation.**

- **We are not of this world...**

The measure in which we as believers realize this, the more completely we fulfill His will and accomplish His purpose. [JVM]

"They are of another race: they are swayed by other motives, they have another life; they have another destiny; 'They are not of the world.'" Is that true of you, dear hearer? We are reading out of God's Book, remember. This is the description of Christ's people; does it describe you? "They are not of the world: "they are not worldly, they are other-worldly; their thoughts and hearts are set upon the world to come". [Spurgeon]

- **Jesus continues praying for Apostles...also applies to us**

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

How Important is God's Word?

- We are set apart because we believe that God's Word is True. Period

18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

- **I sanctify Myself for them:** Jesus identifies with us we should identify with Him
- **Set Apart:** To be "Devoted to a grand design" [Spurgeon]

We are Sanctified by the Spirit and Truth Word of God lit up by the Spirit if God

- I pray they would be set apart by TRUTH in a world of lies, world that hates them
- These guys will need it. A guy named Saul is already collecting stones

SUMMARY Jesus prays for Apostles. Give them joy fulfilled. Sanctify them with the Word. Prepare them to turn the world right-side up.

III. Jesus Prays to His Father...for Us

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those **who will believe** in Me through their word..."

Jesus prays for those who would be saved through Apostles ministry

- After Jesus goes to Father Sends Holy Spirit
- Apostles continue ministry of Jesus...
 1. Healing

Acts 2:41 [Peter's Sermon] Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them...46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

- **We are the fruit of Apostles ministry...**
 1. **Matthew:** Book of Matthew
 2. **John:** Gospel of John, 1,2,3 John and Revelation
 3. **Peter:** 1st and 2nd Peter
 4. **Paul:** Took place of Judas 13 maybe 14 NT Books if Heb.

We are here today because the Apostles were obedient to the Word of God

- I pray for those who will believe by the Word I give these men
- Bob, Terry, Diamond, Mark, Tracey, Grace...

V20 Jesus is praying for us...

- **What is *the most important* thing on Jesus mind?**
 1. That they would be good
 2. That they would be busy
 3. That they would be

21 that they **all may be one...**

That they all may be one...

- **Unity in Christ embraces diversity...**
 1. Clothing
 2. History
 3. Finances
 4. Intelligence
 5. Physical Appearance does not matter...at all.

- Unity in Christ embraces diversity...but not diversity without boundaries

Ephesians 4:1 [Read] 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.

Unity must have definite commonalties...What makes us one in Christ

- **Walk worthy of our calling:** What does that look like?
 1. Lowliness
 2. Gentleness
 3. Longsuffering
 4. Bearing with one another in love

No super-duper Christians: Unity is found in Humility

Philippians 2:1 [Read] Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

- V 1 **Walk worthy;** i.e. walk in humility
- V 3 **Endeavor:** Seek to keep and **not lose the unity of** the Spirit in the bond of peace

These things we have in common: True Doctrine

1. One Body
2. One Spirit
3. One Hope
4. One Lord
5. One Faith
6. One Baptism
7. One God and Father... all having to do with correct doctrine

Unity in the bond of peace does not mean peace at all cost It does matter what we believe...

As to breach of unity, nothing has ever more largely promoted the union of the true than the break with the false. [Spurgeon]

- **No compromise:** Doctrine does matter!
 1. Deity of Christ

2. Salvation through faith by grace alone
3. Virgin Birth
4. Jesus risen in the flesh
5. Born sinners
6. Literal Devil
7. Infallibility of Word of God
8. Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God revealed in three Persons
9. One way to the Father
10. Literal Heaven and Hell...no compromise on these issues. No unity at all cost.

- **Unity in the Spirit:** That they may be one

We are confident that this unity is found in Jesus Christ, by the Spirit of God. "We want unity in the truth of God through the Spirit of God. This let us seek after; let us **live near to Christ**, for this is the best way of promoting unity. Divisions in Churches never begin with those full of love to the Savior." [Spurgeon]

- **Jesus prayer:** That we may be one...

21b... as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...

- **Trifecta:** Intimacy far beyond the physical
 1. Father one with Jesus
 2. Jesus one with the Father
 3. Believers one in Father and Son...**so close we are all one?**

1 John 1:1 [Read and stay] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the **Word of life**— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 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. 5

- We saw and touched the Word of Life
- Eternal Life; i.e. Jesus... was with the Father and was made flesh
- Our desire: That you are one with us as we are one with Father and Son: Trifecta

What does it take to have fellowship with each other and God?

- **So far...**
 1. Humility toward one another
 2. Sound Doctrine in common with one another
 3. **Now...Honesty among one another**

[Cont.] 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is **no darkness at all**. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- **We heard this from Jesus/now tell you:** God is Light. "I AM the light of the world"

**Don't say you know God if you have a secret life.
If so, we are liars and don't know Him: Deceiving ourselves**

[Cont.] 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- **Walk in Light:** It is our lifestyle to not hide things, our lives an open book

If so we can walk together understanding our need for forgiveness

Going to the Lord together with our common need...

Psalm 133:1 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...

- Walking in the light means our lives are an open book
- Walking in darkness means saying we have no sin

If you say you have no sin you are revealing you have no Savior

[Cont.] 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- **I pray they may be one: How?**

1. Humility toward one another; Walk Worthy
2. Sound Doctrine in common with one another
3. Honesty with one another: Couple sinners knowing need of Savior. Saints.

- **Unity Trifecta:** Father and Son, Son and Father, and us one in God

21c...that the world may believe that You sent Me.

I pray for Calvary Chapel Yelm to be one that the world may believe that You sent Me
Our unity with each other will give the world cause to believe...cause for Hope

John 13:35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- Serving ...Not fighting
- Encouraging ...not competing

Some churches are eating each other alive as a hell-bound world watches on

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Instead we are to function like a "Well-Oiled Organic Machine"

Holy Spirit filled, forward- moving, people-loving, God-pleasing, living-breathing machine

Romans 12:4 ... we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **let us use them...**

Let us use the gift we have been given!

- When we hide our gifts, we are ripping off the body of Christ
- **Not my thing:** Breakfasts, conferences, home groups, mid-week, lunches

Longer I live the more I understand having a Coke with fellow believer
Getting out of comfort zone/not asking what I'll get...what I can give, is where real life found

- **That the watching world would say...**

When I watched how they worked together/forgave each other/bore each other's burdens
...**I saw/felt something out this world**

- **Father make them one...that the world may believe**

Christ is the incarnation of God, and the Church should be the incarnation of Christ. Oh, when shall this great prayer be answered? [Spurgeon]

- World **should not** see a reflection of chaotic self in the church
- The world should see the glory of God revealed in our oneness...

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 [2x] that You have sent Me, and have **loved them as You have loved Me.**

Jesus desires us to have the same intimacy with each other as He has with Father

- **That God's people would be "Perfect/Complete in one"**
- **That our oneness would reveal two things to the watching world**

1. that Jesus was sent by the Father to save us and can save them
2. that **the Father loves us as He loved Jesus** v23 past tense

How did He love Jesus?

24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for **You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**

- **Context:** Father I want to be with My bride
- I want My bride to see my as I AM and, in My glory,

For you loved Me before the foundation of the world

Q. How did the Father love the Son before Creation

A. The Father loved the Son before creationby making a way for His bride to be with Him

- God the Father chose you to be the Bride of Christ before He created the world!

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**

Father Loved the Jesus by choosing a Bride for Him before Creation
The Father loves us as He loved Jesus by choosing us as His bride before Creation

Husband and Bride eagerly await the 7-year wedding celebration at the rapture

- I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you [for Us]
- I will be waiting for you and will come to get you...to marry you

John 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

- **What John 17 is ALL about!** Oneness consummated by marriage

Marriage ceremony is prepared and all those who believe are invited.
We are not only invited but we are called.

We are not only called but we are chosen. We are not only chosen
...but we are the longed for and beloved Bride of Christ

Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and **His bride has made herself ready.**"

- Jesus now prays for the Apostles and us before heading to the Garden

25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

That they may be one...

Intimacy far beyond the physical with each other and with the Living God now and forever.
That is God's desire for us

SUMMARY Jesus prays for All Believers