

John 17:1-19

- John 17 has commonly been referred to as Jesus' 'high priestly prayer'.
- We will divide it up into three parts (show diagram)

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- Kids learn to talk by listening to their parents talk. We can learn to pray by listening to Jesus pray.
- Insurance Claim – you just send the info and hope for the best. We treat prayer like that.

1. Jesus prays for himself.

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WHAT DID JESUS ULTIMATELY ASK OF THE FATHER?

(Jn 17:24) *Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.*

Vs 2-3 *since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

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How did Jesus glorify the Father on earth?

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What work did Jesus accomplish?

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WHAT WORK DID JESUS ACCOMPLISH?



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- He has also given them the revelation of the Father's name (John 17:6). The Old Testament Jew knew his God as "Jehovah," the great I AM (Ex. 3:11–14). Jesus took this sacred name "I AM" and made it meaningful to His disciples:
 - "I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35);
 - "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12);
 - "I am the door" (John 10:9);
 - "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11);
 - "I am the resurrection and life" (John 11:25);
 - "I am the way the truth and the life" (John 14:6);
 - "I am the vine," (John 15:5).
- "I have manifested your name" means "I have revealed the nature of God.
- God has also given us work to accomplish – make His name known.

Vs 7-8 *Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.*

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TAKE AWAYS:

- Pray for yourself in a way that glorifies God.
- Knowing God is the way to eternal life – trust Him today.
- Pray the Lord gives you grace to accomplish the work He has given you to do.

2. Jesus prays for His disciples.

Who is the “them” Jesus is praying for?

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- "I am not praying for the world," does not mean that Jesus was unconcerned about the world or that the world was "beyond God's love." The exact opposite is actually the case (cf. 3:16), and the preparation of the disciples is directed ultimately to the goal that the world might believe (17:21) "*so that the world may believe that you have sent me*"

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- “for they are yours,” Jesus did not claim ownership of the disciples. If we had the same perspective as Jesus, we would not make statements such as “my church,” “my people,” and “my things”; but we would be speaking about “God’s church,” “God’s people,” and “God’s things,” which the Lord has loaned or given to us.

What does Jesus pray for His disciples?

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- **To keep them means something**

Tereo GK means Keep, Observe, Watch, Guard, Protect

(1 Co 7:37) *But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well.*

(Jude 6) *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day.*

- He keeps/protects us from complete self-destruction on earth and eternal destruction in hell.
- Sin and the world has a gravity that pulls us in. Jesus prays for his disciples that the Father would keep them from being pulled in.
- Jesus kept them, but now the Father will keep them.

(NOT IN THE SLIDES)

VS 12 *While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

What are the results of being kept by God?

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- Unity
- Joy
- Hated by the world

- Protection from satan
- The second thing Jesus prays for his disciples is sanctification

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- Positional sanctification – identity
- Progressive sanctification – spiritual maturity
- Perfect (final) sanctification – eternity
- Sin and the world has a gravity that pulls us in.
- Sin is not as much deeds as it is desires. (Use 10 commandments and how they are bookended with idolatry and covetousness and then how Jesus lifted the hood on external sins by exposing internal desires as the true sin.)

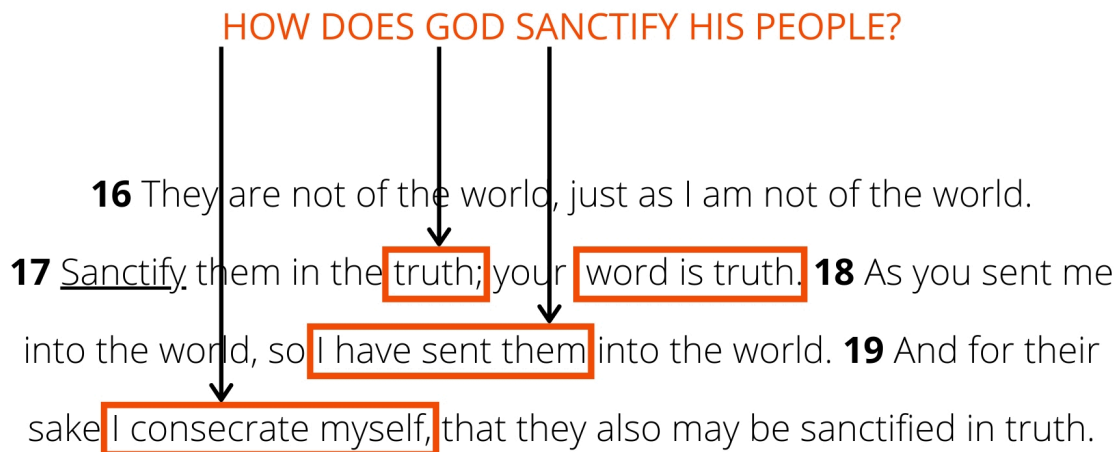
PAUL'S PROGRESSION:

- *For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God (1 Corinthians 15:9 – written in 56 AD).*
- *This grace was given to me — the least of all the saints — to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of the Messiah (Ephesians 3:8 – written in early 60 or 61 AD).*
- *This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” — and I am the worst of them (1 Timothy 1:15 – written in 62-64 AD).*

- God uses crooked sticks to draw straight lines.
- “Brother, if any man thinks ill of you, do not be angry with him; for you are worse than he thinks you to be,” Spurgeon.

How does God sanctify His people?

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.



(Jer 15:16) *Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.*

- Notice, Jesus consecration is what ultimately leads to your sanctification.

TAKE AWAYS

- Remember everything belongs to God, we are merely stewards.
- Live your life from an identity of positional sanctification.
- Relish in the fact that God keeps you.