

## ● To Be ONE

- Read all of Chapter 17
- Common Theme – to become one, to Love
- This is truly the lord's Prayer
  - Not like the model prayer that is called the Lord's Prayer
  - Jesus is approaching his own physical death through crucifixion but still takes a moment to consider his ministry, his disciples and those who would believe
  - Entire passage is really a look at the relationship of the father and son and is a prayer for us to be able to have that same relationship
- Chapter 17 is a summary (through Jesus' prayer) of Chapter 13-16.
- It's all about becoming one with God through Love
  - Chapter 13
    - V34:
      - *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another*
  - Chapter 14
    - V6-11 –
      - *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.*
  - Chapter 15
    - V9-12 –
      - *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*
  - Chapter 16
    - V23-27 -
      - *In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*

*(24) Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.*

- It will be given because they are one
  - Again a model of the relationship
  - Jesus says that he will not ask for the disciples but that they will ask directly because of the restored relationship with the father
- As we walk through each verse keep all of this in mind. The relationship of the father to the son and to the restoration of our relationship with them and how that is to be accomplished!
- **V1: After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:**
  - Said what?
    - Chap. 16 – talking about being one with the father
      - V 31 – Finally you believe
- **V2: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.**
  - Finally, his time had come.
    - His entire ministry was “Not yet my time”
      - John 2:4
      - John 7:20
      - John 8:20
    - The hour of redemption was now at hand
    - Everything in his ministry was pointing to this moment
  - Seeking the Glory of the Father through his own glory. Glory comes to the father because people have believed in the one he sent!
    - “Name it and claim it” falls apart and ignores this truth in Jesus’ prayer
      - Telling God what to do
      - Making it about me and my will instead of his
    - Your will be done – EVEN if that means the cross!
    - Remember as we read this that Jesus is facing the cross and he knows it!
    - Are we doing this in our own lives? Are we seeking to glorify the Lord in everything?
- **V3: Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**
  - To know in this context
    - GK: ginosko
      - Same word for “knowing” your wife
        - Gen. 4:1 - Adam “knew” Eve and she conceived

- Implies an intimacy in the relationship that the father has with the Son
    - Jesus is praying that we might take part in this same relationship
  - This is truly a restoration of what was intended. We were created for this relationship but sin has separated us.
  - This relationship is not hierarchical necessarily. Christ remained in the world by his choice
    - See Gethsemane etc
    - Not just a power play on the part of God
- **V4: I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.**
  - The work is redeeming man kind
    - On the cross – It is finished, completed, paid in full
    - We now have access to the father directly
      - Ripped veil in temple
  - He didn't just start his mission and then bail
  - He persevered and FINISHED - on the cross he said "It is FINISHED!"
  - What are those things in our own lives that the Lord has called us to but that we have not yet finished?
    - Could we stand before the Lord today and tell him that we have finished the work we have been given?
    - It may be sin or a call to action or service but that we've "thought about" or meant to do but just haven't done it yet
  - Thankfully he finished the work!!
  - Notice also that Jesus states he finished the work that the FATHER gave him to do. How often we are distracted by the callings of others or from the world that take away our focus and prevent us from finishing
    - Work
    - Friends
    - Family
  - It's vital that we understand the will of the Lord daily so that we are NOT distracted.
  - We must learn to focus on the small things and be effective in what we are called to
    - Personal Reference to my own journey to understand my purpose
    - Read from journal
- **V5: And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.**
  - He was in the beginning with God (ch 1)
  - Wants to enter back into the Glory he had before – he's asking to be glorified again – restored into his rightful relationship with God
    - This is the heart of the prayer for us to be restored in our relationship with the Lord
- **V6: "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.**
  - Shifts prayer to his disciples
  - Revealed/Manifest
    - GK – *ephanērōsa* – to shine forth

- Not so much declaration but illustration
  - Speaking more to the fact that he has LIVED it versus just speaking about it.
  - Are we manifesting his name daily?
    - At work
    - At home
  - Do they know the Lord by knowing us?
  - Joh 13:34-35
    - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- **V7: Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.**
- **V8: For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.**
  - GK – rhema – words by revelation
  - Spiritual Revelation
  - Eph. 6:17 – Sword of the Spirit – machaira – the word of God
    - Machaira – an exacting knife, small, exacting sword to do exact cuts
  - Spoken word at that moment for that person
    - Right words at the right time
    - Jesus did this all through the book of John
    - Think back to:
      - Nicodemus
      - Samaritan Woman
      - Roman Soldier
      - Man at the pool of Bethesda
  - The work of the Holy Spirit
  - We should seek this in our relationships with people
- **V9: I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.**
- **V10: All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.**
  - Again a reference to the oneness of the Father and Son
  - Glory is brought to them both by the belief of the disciples
    - *We can bring this same glory to God by this same belief*
- **V11: I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.**
  - Here Jesus commits the lives of the disciples to the Lord
  - Jesus is praying intercessory prayer on behalf of the disciples
  - Praying for unity among them and with God
    - Praying for the *restoration of the relationship!*
- **V12: While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.**
  - He has kept them all except Judas
    - Son of Perdition/Son of Destruction

- Also given to the Anti-Christ
  - The disciples were the beginning of the restoration for all that might believe
- **V13: "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.**
  - Jesus is speaking of his joy even though he's facing the cross
  - We have his peace, his joy, his love
  - This joy is the joy of being restored in our rightful relationship with him – what we were created to be
- **V14: I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.**
  - "word" GK – logos – the written scriptures
  - Hebrews 4:12 – GK – sword = ramphilia (sp?)
    - Big huge sword
    - Big swath cutting sword
    - Not the same as v 6
  - The world hates the light
    - John 1
  - As the disciples are restored to the light the world will hate them
- **V15: My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.**
- **V16: They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.**
  - Interesting point – He didn't want them to be pulled out, he wanted them to persevere
    - This is for OUR benefit
  - We also are not to be separated from the world
  - We aren't OF the world just as Christ is not OF the world
  - But we are to be in the world. Jesus is praying that the disciples would be safe from Satan and be able to pursue their ministry
  - Chuck Smith: We are made to live in the world like a boat is made to be in water
    - When boat takes on water it sinks
    - When we get the world in us we sink
- **V17: Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**
  - Set them apart (Sanctify) from the world because they accept your word
  - Your "Logos" is truth
    - John 1:1 – Logos, the word, Jesus
    - Jesus IS Truth
- **V18: As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.**
- **V19: For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**
  - We are sent into the world in the same fashion as Christ was sent into the world
  - BUT
    - Jesus is separating himself from the World.
      - ESV- Consecrate
    - Because they have believed they will be sanctified because Christ has sanctified himself.
    - We are to be IN but not OF the World.

- **V20: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,**
- **V21: that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**
  - Now Jesus is praying for US
  - Isn't it amazing – Jesus is praying for ME and YOU directly here!
  - Again praying for unity – to be ONE
    - Tragic that we are so divided
    - Poor witness to the world
    - We should identify with Christ, not a denomination
    - UNITY
  - He is praying that we would ALL be in this same relationship as we were designed to be from the beginning
  - Man has chosen to walk independent of God rather than walk in unity with God as designed.
- **V22: I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:**
- **V23: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**
  - We have an incredible witness when we are in unity with one another in Christ
    - Enough so that the WORLD would believe in Jesus
    - How many have been turned away from Christ because of our dissention?
  - To be ONE
- **V24: "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.**
  - Jesus is yearning for us to be with him
  - Incredible picture of his love for us and the kind of relationship he wants to have with us
  - Glory is brought to God through Christ when we choose to walk in the relationship – abiding in him
    - John 15:8
      - *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*
- **V25: "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.**
  - Although through the world we would not know Him, Christ has come and revealed to us the Father and therefore we can also know Him.
- **V26: I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."**
  - Literal: I have made known to them your NAME
    - Name
      - The character, essence, integrity etc
  - Names of God
    - **Adonai-Jehovah** -- The Lord our Sovereign
    - **EI-Elyon** -- The Lord Most High

- **EI-Olam** -- The Everlasting God
  - **EI-Shaddai** -- The God Who is Sufficient for the Needs of His People
  - **Jehovah-Elohim** -- The Eternal Creator
  - **Jehovah-Jireh** -- The Lord our Provider
  - **Jehovah-Nissi** -- The Lord our Banner
  - **Jehovah-Ropheka** -- The Lord our Healer
  - **Jehovah-Shalom** -- The Lord our Peace
  - **Jehovah-Tsidkenu** -- The Lord our Righteousness
  - **Jehovah-Mekaddishkem** -- The Lord our Sanctifier
  - **Jehovah-Sabaoth** -- The Lord of Hosts
  - **Jehovah-Shammah** -- The Lord is Present
  - **Jehovah-Rohi** -- The Lord our Shepherd
  - **Jehovah-Hoseenu** -- The Lord our Maker
  - **Jehovah-Eloheenu** -- The Lord our God
- When his “name” is revealed – it is a summation of all of this and more. The entirety of who God is
  - This ends with again with the picture of the relationship we are intended to have. To be ONE. Jesus in us.
  - God IS Love. Love is a relationship. When we are in him we will Love like him. Abide in Him, Love like he loves you.