

**AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT:**  
A STUDY OF THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER OF OUR LORD

**Topics:** ♦ The Chief End of Jesus Christ (17:1-5) ♦ The Only Heaven There Is (17:3) ♦ What Makes a Good Disciple (17:6-8) ♦ Us and the World (17:9-10) ♦ A Prayer for Our Preservation (17:11-15) ♦ **A Prayer for Our Sanctification (17:16-19)** ♦ A Prayer for Our Unity (17:20-23) ♦ A Prayer for Our Eternal Satisfaction (17:24-26)

A PRAYER FOR OUR SANCTIFICATION (JOHN 17:16-19)

**I. Troubles Reveal a Person**

**II. Jesus Prays for Our Sanctification (Jn 17:16-19)**

- A. Like Jesus, the disciples are not of the world (v 16)
  - 1. No reason for shame.
  - 2. The community of Jesus is God's future humanity.
- B. The second petition of the prayer: "*Sanctify them* in the truth" (v 17)
  - 1. The request: "Sanctify them."
  - 2. Location of our sanctification: "in the truth"
  - 3. "The truth" = The Word of God
  - 4. How does the word of God function as the location/environment of our sanctification?
    - The word of God as the disciple's worldview.
- C. Like Jesus, the disciples are sent into the world (v 18)
  - 1. This shows that sanctification does not mean *total* separation from the world.
  - 2. Jesus wants us where the lost are.
- D. Jesus sanctifies/consecrates himself for us (v 19).
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  - 2. The reason Jesus consecrates himself:
    - a. "For their sake..."
    - b. "that they also may be sanctified in truth."

**Questions for further discussion:**

- 1. What comfort and assurance does Jesus' prayer give to us? What will Jesus' prayer produce for us?
- 2. What does it mean (or *not* mean) for us to be "not of the world"?
- 3. How far should our engagement with the world go? What boundaries must not be crossed? Can a disciple of Jesus work as a slave trader (or a drug dealer, or a prostitute, etc.?)
- 4. What does it mean to have the word of God as your worldview? How far does the word of God have control of you? How much do you rely on God's word in all that you do?