

WHEN JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS CHURCH! PART 2 // John 17:1-26

[1. GIVEN; 2. KNOW & KNOWN; 3. KEPT THROUGH THE WORD; 4. PRAYED FOR; 5. IN UNITY; 6. LOVED; 7. SENT!]

I. CHRISTIAN, YOU WERE GIVEN TO JESUS BY THE FATHER! John 17:1-2—

1. **17:1-2**— Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: Father, the hour has come. GLORIFY Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, **that He should give eternal life TO AS MANY AS You have GIVEN Him.**

2. **17:6**— 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**, and they have kept Your word.

3. **17:9**— I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but **for THOSE WHOM You have GIVEN Me**, for they are Yours.

4. **17:11**— 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.

5. **17:12**— 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.

6. **17:20-23**— ²⁰I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who SHALL believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that **they also** may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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 that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

7. **17:24**— 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.

HEBREWS 2:10-13— For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹² saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." ¹³ And again: "I will put My trust in Him." **And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has GIVEN Me."**

NO WONDER THE APOSTLE JOHN WILL LATER, EXCLAIM IN WONDER:

(1 John 3:1-3) "Behold, what manner of love is this?"

2 Timothy 1:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁹ for He delivered us and saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life—a life set apart—a life of purpose], **NOT BECAUSE** of our works [or because of any personal merit—we could do nothing to earn this], **BUT BECAUSE** of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] **which was GIVEN/granted to us in Christ Jesus BEFORE the world began [eternal ages ago]**

SO... WHAT SHALL WE SAY? Ephesians 1:3-14:

II. CHRISTIAN, YOU KNOW JESUS and HE KNOWS YOU!

John 17:3— And this IS eternal life, that **they might KNOW THEE** the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

1. JESUS KNOWS HIS SHEEP: John 10:14; John 10: 27-28.

2. MANY WHOM JESUS

NEVER KNEW: Matt. 7:21-23; Matthew 15:13

(Gen. 4:1) John 3:16.

III. CHRISTIAN, YOU RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD:

John 17: 8— 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. **John 17:14**— 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. **John 17:17**— (amp) ¹⁷ **Sanctify them** in [through] the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; **Your WORD is truth.**

John 17:19— ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be **sanctified by the truth.**

(Matt. 4:4)

IV. CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE PRAYED FOR!

John 17:9— ⁹**"I pray for them.** I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have GIVEN Me, for they are Yours.

John 17:15— ¹⁵**I do not pray that** You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

John 17:20— ²⁰**"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will [SHALL!] believe in Me through their word;**

(Romans 8:26-27, 34)

V. CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE IN UNITY!

John 17:20-23— (NLT)

²⁰**"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for ALL WHO WILL EVER BELIEVE in Me** through their message. ²¹**I pray that they will all be one,** just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. ²²**"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.** ²³**I am in them and you are in me.** May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

(Eph. 4:3)

VI. CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE LOVED AND MARKED BY LOVE!

John 17: 23-26—

²³I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent **me and that YOU LOVE THEM as much as you love me.** ²⁴Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me **because YOU LOVED ME even before the world began!**

²⁵**"O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me.** ²⁶**I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. That YOUR LOVE FOR ME will be in them, and I will be in them.** (John 13:34-35)

VII. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IS SENT FORTH INTO THE WORLD!

John 17:18 & 20—

¹⁸ ***JUST AS you sent Me into the world,***

I AM SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD.

²⁰ ***"I am praying not only for these disciples **but also for all who will ever believe in me THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE.*****

AS WE GO FORTH INTO OUR WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL!—

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL BE SAVED!

WHAT IS THE WITNESS THAT GOD USES?

OUR LIFE AND OUR LIPS!

SOULWINNING: IS VISUAL AND VERBAL!!

John 13:34-35 //

John 17: 21;

John 17: 23

1. WE HAVE AN INESCAPABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CHRIST VISIBLE!

2. WE HAVE AN INESCAPABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO VERBALIZE TO SPEAK FORTH THE GOSPEL!

CHRISTIAN: What is my response?

THE LOST— FLEE TO CHRIST as the sinner you are, in need of mercy!