

The Ones Given To Christ

John 17:9-12

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Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Outline -

Four words outline verses 9-12

1 - Prayer - verse 9

2 - Possession - verse 10

3 - Preservation - verse 11

4 - Purpose - verse 12

1 - Prayer - verse 9

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

We note the following in this verse -

1 - Who the Son is praying for. 2 - Who he is not praying for. 3 - Why he is praying for them.

1 - Who the Son is praying for?

I pray for them

Who is the Them? See verses 6-8 and verse 12 - Answer, His present disciples.

Christ had prayed for himself in verses 1-5 - Now he is praying for the disciples.

Consider - What singles Christ out as a man is his prayer life.

The disciples never asked him, teach us to preach; they did ask him, teach us to pray!

Even now, approaching the cross, he is praying for them!

Even still in heaven he is the man of prayer!

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2 - Who he is not praying for?

I pray not for the world

The ministry of Christ was never just arbitrary. It is always focused and specific in its intent!

Illus - What do you want? "World Peace"

Christ did not come to do his best to save as many as possible! No!

Luk 19:9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

Luk 19:10 **For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

3 - Why he is praying for them?

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, **but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.**

Note - He is praying totally in the will and work of the father.

This is one of the great arguments for Particular Redemption.

Christ would not pray, savingly and die propitiously for ones who were not the object of the fathers saving grace!

We see the Trinitarian Nature of Salvation worked out in Ephesians 1

Chosen by the Father 3-6

Cleansed in Christ 7-12

Called by the Spirit 13-14

2 - Possession - verse 10

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We see in this verse -

1 - A joint possession 2 - A purposeful possession

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And all mine are thine, and thine are mine

This same truth was stated earlier in John 10.

See John 10:10 and verses 26-29

2 - A purposeful possession

and I am glorified in them.

The Corinthians had a problem regarding this doctrine.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Co 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

(Article by Carl Truman on the cult of personality)

“To indulge in a cult of personality is not simply to miss the point of the cross; it is also to empty the cross of its power.”

We are called to glorify Christ and not men!!

3 - Preservation - verse 11

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

We see here -

1 - The Context 2 - The Care 3 - The Culmination

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2 - The Care of the Preservation

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3 - The Culmination (Climax) (Consummation) of the Preservation

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4 - Purpose - verse 12

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The great purpose is seen in the last clause of the verse -

that the scripture might be fulfilled.

The Word of God was always paramount in the life of Christ!

1 - In his Temptation in the Wilderness

Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2 - In his early ministry

Mar 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mar 1:36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

Mar 1:37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

Mar 1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

Mar 1:39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

3 - In his prayer in this chapter

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

So - We have considered

1 - Prayer for those given to Christ - verse 9 \ 2 - Possession of those given to Christ - verse 10

3 - Preservation of those given to Christ - verse 11

4 - Purpose - verse 12 - The Fulfilment of the Word of God.

The Lord bless His Word to our Souls. Amen.