

## 17.04 17:1-6 Knowing God

Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ

Reading – **John 17:1-6** 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016

We started looking at Christ's prayer in John 17 two weeks ago with His petition for the Father to glorify Himself. This was so that He could return the Glory to God the Father. We saw that there were three reasons why the crucifixion would glorify God. First it was God's plan and He was living in accordance with the will of God. This glorifies God regardless of what it is. Secondly, It would provide a visual demonstration of the Love of God for Man and His hatred of sin. A testimony from God to the whole world. Lastly, the crucifixion would purchase salvation for those who God had chosen to save. It was a complete payment of the wages of our sin. Therefore, it shouldn't surprise us that Christ talks about Salvation in this part of His prayer. This is the Salvation experience from God, the real Salvation experience, so lets look at what He says.

- **John 17:2** <sup>2</sup> "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should<sup>1</sup> give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
  - Authority over all Flesh. Not a new teaching, but an integral part of the Gospel. The Good news is good until we realize where we stand. We don't flee sin, fight evil, or follow God until the awfulness of the judgment is brought home to our hearts. It isn't preaching fire and brimstone, but a vision of reality that we as people don't want to look at. Told "Focus on the encouraging, look at the positive...." To see the whole scale, you need the start and end. Christ and the Apostles always looked at the whole. Truth is important. When we chop of part, we lose the weight of it and often the reality of it.
    - John 3:18-21 <sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
    - John 5:20-29 <sup>20</sup> "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. <sup>22</sup> "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. <sup>24</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. <sup>25</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
    - Acts 10:39-42 <sup>39</sup> "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they<sup>1</sup> killed by hanging on a tree. <sup>40</sup> "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, <sup>41</sup> "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.
    - Acts 17:3 and 18 – He ... "preached Jesus and His resurrection". Mars Hill –
    - Heart of His Message: Acts 17:30-31 <sup>30</sup> "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."
  - that He should<sup>1</sup> give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
    - John 1:13 Saved by the will of God, John 6:44 drawn to God, John 10:29 & 17:2 Given and kept by God to the Son, John 14:26 Taught by God through the (John 17:6 & 14) word of God.
      - Produces a Holy Delight in salvation. Meditation on the Glory of the Gospel in the face of JC.

- Death to Life, Lost to found, enemy to family,
- It isn't something to put off, it is deadly serious business. When God calls, to reject that call is dangerous. You are not sovereign you can not come at will to Him.
- **John 17:3** <sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
  - Intimate, present tense, reality (God) It's not an experience of 20 years ago only, but a walking with God.
  - The call of Jesus, Come and follow me
    - Matthew 4:17-19 <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>18</sup> And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
    - Matthew 10:38-40 <sup>38</sup> "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.
    - Matthew 11:27-30 <sup>27</sup> "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. <sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
    - Matthew 16:24-26 <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (not some second step)
  - Why Jesus – John 14:6 I am the way, the Truth and the Life. Exclusiveness. One Way. The importance of finding Christ, not another substitute... Not Good works, my righteousness,
    - Others that talk of multiple paths... Don't understand the depths of our problems, so they don't offer solutions.
- **John 17:6** <sup>6</sup> "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.
  - Manifested Your Name to them: **2 Co. 4:3-6** <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, <sup>Phil 2:5-11</sup> who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
  - And they have kept Your word. This is the fruit of a real believer. We meet with God as the Holy Spirit reveals Him to us, through the Word of God.
    - 1 Co 2:12 <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

The question for us as we think about our own Salvation is are we walking in a relationship with God. Is it something that is current and continueing, striving and pressing into Christ? It should be.

Prayer ..... "Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen." (**2Co 13:14 NKJ**) **In Jesus Name**

Sing the Doxology... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen