

That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John

Lesson 9 – The Glory of Christ John 17 – 21

John 17:1 – 5 *When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify You, 2 since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. 4 I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. 5 And now Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.”*

17:10 *All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.*

A. In what ways was Christ’s prayer in 17:1 – 5 answered?

B. How is Christ glorified in believers?

17:14 – 22 *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. 15 I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as You, Father are in me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.*

C. What does it mean to you that we are “sanctified in the truth?”

D. What other promises are made here to us and to the disciples?

E. What do you see as the similarities and differences in the commission to the disciples and to us?

1. How were they given God’s word, and how are we given His word?

2. How are we kept from the evil one? (Does it sound like Christ thinks Satan is imaginary?)
3. In verses 18 and 20 what are the differences and similarities in the calling of the disciples and our own calling?

John 19:30 *When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "it is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*

F. What do we learn about Christ's nature from His death?

G. What was finished (or accomplished)?

John 20:8 *Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed... 20:14 she turned around and saw Jesus standing..Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!'*... 19 *On the evening of that day,...Jesus came and stood among them and said to them 'Peace be with you'then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord..."*

John 20:29 *Jesus said to him <Thomas> Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*

H. How is it a great blessing to believe in Christ without having seen Him physically?

John 20:30 & 31 *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book, 31 but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.***

I. What are some of the differences between John's Gospel and the other 3 Gospels?

J. What in this Gospel has been particularly meaningful to you in this study of the book of John?

"John is echoing Jesus' own words: '*I have come that they may have life.*' (John 10:10b) People who don't have Christ don't have life, and they don't even know it. To have the life that God created us to have, we must find it in the Son of God." R.C. Sproul