

Their Future Glory (John 17:22-26)

Scripture Text:

22. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;
23. I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.
24. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
25. “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;
26. and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” (John 17:22-26 NASB)

Outline:

- I. Christ Shares His Glory with Believers (v.22)
- II. Christ In Believers and God the Father In Christ (v.23)
- III. Christ and Believers Together In Heaven, Sharing In Glory (v.24)
- IV. Christ Making the Love of God Known to All Believers (vv.25-26)

Worksheet:

- I. Christ Shares His Glory with Believers (v.22)
 - a. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, (v.22a)
 - i. In what way will believers share in the glory that has been given to Jesus by God the Father? *[discussion]* _____

 - ii. How will (has) Jesus given this glory to believers since the birth of the church? *[discussion]* _____

 - iii. According to John MacArthur, This refers to the believer’s participation in all of the attributes and essence of God through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. (MacArthur Study Bible, 2006)

1. and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. (John 17:10 NASB)
 2. Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:25-27 NASB)
 3. Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB)
- b. that they may be one, just as We are one; (v22b)
- i. Just as God the Son and God the Father are _____ in essence and nature, so Christ wants all believers to be _____.
 - ii. How can we describe this unity of believers that Christ is praying for on behalf of believers? *[discussion]* _____

 - iii. What relationship makes it possible for believers to achieve this unity amongst themselves? Their relationship with The _____ makes it possible for them to achieve this unity and sense of oneness.
 1. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. (Romans 8:14-17 NASB)
 2. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. Now therefore why do you put God to the

test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.” (Acts 15:7-11 NASB)

II. Christ In Believers and God the Father In Christ (v.23)

a. I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, (v.23a)

- i. Jesus here describes the reality of knowing Christ as savior in that _____ (God) is in _____ and the _____ (God) is in Christ.
- ii. Since Jesus Christ is in the believer and the Father is in Christ the believer can be _____ in unity.
- iii. Notice the term “may” in this verse. What does this term say about the nature of the process of perfection in the life of a believer? *[discussion]*

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1. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6 NASB)
 2. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13 KJV)
 3. Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48 NASB)
 4. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. (Colossians 3:14 NASB)
 5. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained... For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:15-16, 20-21 NASB)
 6. For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1Corinthians 12:12-13 NASB)

7. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 NASB)
- b. so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (v23b)
- i. As the unity that believers have with each other plays out or is portrayed and modeled before the world, what is the end result that **may** occur according to this verse of the Lord’s Prayer? *[discussion]* _____
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1. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. (John 3:16-19 NASB)
 2. “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. (John 5:24 NASB)
 3. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13 NASB)
 4. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. (1 John 5:20 NASB)
- ii. This part of Jesus’ prayer has some very specific requests that are being made to the Father on behalf of the world:
1. Jesus wants the world to _____ that God the Father _____ Jesus the Son.
 2. Jesus wants the world to _____ that God the Father _____ them.
 3. Jesus wants the world to _____ that God the Father _____ them in the same way as He has loved the Son.

III. Christ and Believers Together In Heaven, Sharing In Glory (v.24)

a. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, (v.24a)

i. Jesus, in this part of His prayer expresses what His *desire* (will) is, which is consistent with the *desire* (will) of the Father.

1. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9 KJV)

2. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

(John 6:39 NASB)

3. to fulfill the word which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one." (John 18:9 NASB)

ii. What does Jesus mean when He says that His desire is that they "be with Me where I am," in this verse (v.24a)? [discussion] _____

b. so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (v.24b)

i. Jesus revealed a glimpse of His veiled glory on the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Peter 1:17-18), but in heaven believers will see the glory which the Father gave Him before the foundation of the world.

ii. Jesus not only wants us to see His unveiled glory in heaven where He is, but He also want us to _____ in His glory as well (v.22).

1. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21 NASB)

2. See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:1-3 NASB)

IV. Christ Making the Love of God Known to All Believers (vv.25-26)

a. "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; (v.25)

- i. Notice how Jesus addresses His Father in this verse, “O righteous Father...”; this puts the words that follow into context. What does this mean as it relates to the **world**, **Himself** and the **disciples**.

1. **The World:** _____

2. **Himself:** _____

3. **The Disciples:** _____

- ii. How does the concept of **righteousness** embodied in the title “O righteous Father” contrast with the **self-righteousness** of the world and what is the result as it pertains to the world? [discussion] _____

1. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. (John 16:7-11 NASB)

2. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. (Matthew 11:27 NASB)

3. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. (1 John 2:13 NASB)

- b. and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” (v.26)

i. Jesus in this verse says that He **has** already made God’s name known to the _____ personally.

ii. Jesus says that He **will** make God’s name known to the _____. How will He accomplish this? _____.

iii. Jesus’ desire is that the same love with which God loved Him may also be in those who hear the word of His disciples, leading to oneness and unity.