

UPPER ROOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
"The Gospel of John"
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Lesson 65: John 17:11 - 24

^(AF)Holy Father, ^(AG)keep them in your name, ^(AH)which you have given me, ^(AI)that they may be one, ^(AJ)even as we are one. ¹² ^(AK)While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have ^(AL)guarded them, and ^(AM)not one of them has been lost except ^(AN)the son of destruction, ^(AO)that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now ^(AP)I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have ^(AQ)my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ ^(AR)I have given them your word, and ^(AS)the world has hated them ^(AT)because they are not of the world, ^(AU)just as I am not of the world.

- a. "keep them in Your name" – to be "kept" in God's name is to be guarded under the protection of and to enjoy the favor of His Name. When Christians are baptized, it is "into" the name of the Holy Trinity.
- b. "that they may (continue to) be one, even as We are one." – the seamless nature of the grafted branch to the vine makes the "one" possible. Oneness = the flow of grace as the initiated power from God; faith as the fruitful response back to God; and fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) as flowing gifts to the neighbor, both of which reveal a responsive honoring of God's grace!



- c. "I kept them in Your name...guarded them." – the imagery of Jesus, as the Good Shepherd comes to mind: guarding the sheep from the wolf; acting as the "gate" to the pen; laying down His life for the sheep; being true (versus false as a "hireling".
- d. "not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction" – a not-too-vague reference to Judas.
- e. "that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves" – the source of joy in life is Jesus. We don't generate joy: Jesus does!
- f. "the world has hated them because they are not of the world" – the stark reality is that Christians live with a radical frame of mind: we live in the world, but not of the world. The world's reaction: "resent/hate Christians!"

a. Why does the “world hate” Christianity? Why would anyone hate the message of God’s grace in Christ for all?

- i. Christians believe that the Bible is God’s Word (not “contains.”)
- ii. Christians believe that God’s Word is infallible and the norm for life, even if popular opinion disagrees.
- iii. Christians believe that God’s Word is absolute Truth (versus relative) and that Truth brings life.
- iv. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin and death.
- v. Christians believe that accepting God’s grace in Christ means that you realize you are a sinner in desperate need for forgiveness.

b. The challenge for believers, is how not to let the world’s priorities – dependance on self for salvation (power, prestige, possessions) - negatively influence or corrupt the spiritual priorities you have from God’s Word.

- i. Living a life of fear versus a life of love.
- ii. Living a life of “not enough” versus a life of “sufficient grace.”
- iii. Living a life of “what’s in it for me,” versus a life “worthy of the calling you have received.”

1. Ephesians 4:1-3. *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

¹⁵ I (AV) do not ask that you (AW) take them out of the world, but that you (AX) keep them from (AY) the evil one. [a] ¹⁶ (AZ) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ (BA) Sanctify them [b] in the truth; (BB) your word is truth. ¹⁸ (BC) As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And (BD) for their sake (BE) I consecrate myself, [c] that they also (BF) may be sanctified [d] in truth.

- a. “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one.” - Jesus knows that the believers must stay “in” the world, in order to share the gospel of salvation with people who do not know Christ. Jesus prays for God’s protection of your soul.
- b. “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” The “world” is Jesus’ way of describing a life without being built on the foundation of the Word. That life is, at best, self-serving and anxious.
- c. “Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.” – sanctify = cleanse for holy work. The source of our cleansing is in the Holy Spirit, who uses the Word of truth.
- d. “As You have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them” – the purpose of life “in” the world is to be “sent” to share Jesus!

²⁰ "I do not ^(BG)ask for these only, but also for those ^(BH)who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ ^(BI)that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that ^(BJ)they also may be in ^(BK)us, so that the world ^(BL)may believe that you have sent me. ²² ^(BM)The glory that you have given me ^(BN)I have given to them, ^(BO)that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ ^(BP)I in them and you in me, ^(BQ)that they may become perfectly one, ^(BR)so that the world may know that you sent me and ^(BS)loved them even as ^(BT)you loved me.

- a. "but also for those who will believe in Me through their word"- Jesus extends His prayer to include those of us, who (many generations later) benefit from the gospel being shared by the apostles.
 - a. Reminds you that the Holy Spirit uses the Word, which is shared by humans, to bring people to faith.
- b. "so that the world may believe" – God's desire, that everyone come to know His love through Jesus, is the purpose for your continuance on the earth.
- c. "so that the world may know that you sent Me and loved them"

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be ^(BU)with me ^(BV)where I am, ^(BW)to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me ^(BX)before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ ^(BY)O righteous Father, even though ^(BZ)the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ ^(CA)I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love ^(CB)with which you have loved me may be in them, and ^(CC)I in them."

- a. "they also...may be with Me where I am" – Jesus is anticipating your returning home to be with Him for eternity.
 - i. Luke 23:43. Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
- b. "world does not know you, I know you" – "know" = be in a trusting, intimate relationship of faith and love; how a father and son "know" and love each other.

