

I. Sanctify - John 17:13-19

1. He prays for us (**verse 13**)
 - with heart
 - this night is the night He was arrested
2. "Come" refers to death, burial and resurrection
 - Rea -"come" in prayer for us - always thinking of us!!
3. Note, that He prayed for your joy
 - His desire for you is the same as your desire for you. He is not interesting in afflicting you but in making you fully of joy
 - "fulfilled" - happen versus just speaking about
 - Rea -much of what we do for "joy" doesn't make joy happen - have you ever noticed?
4. What type of joy? - not like the world's joy (verse 14-16)
 - A. Given thy word (**verse 14**)
 - the result? - the world hated them
 - why? - they are not like the world - just like Jesus was not like the world
 - Rea -so many feel they are "missing something" because Jesus wants to be other than the world
 - B. So, not like the world... and not liked by the world - but fulfilled joy
 - Rea -this is a clear answer to "what type of joy?"
5. Don't take them out of the world (**verse 15**)
 - Rea -out of our culture? Out of our environment?
 - Rea -some believe they could be happy if they were not so influenced by the world around them... apparently that is not the secret to joy
6. Even though within the world... Jesus prayed we would not be like the world
 - but keep them from its evil
 - Rea -escapism doctrine is that which says that if you and I were in a convent somewhere we'd be happier
7. They are like me, not of this world (**verse 16**)
8. Sanctify them (make them holy) (**verse 17**)
 - Rea -how? Through thy truth
 - specifically - your word is truth
 - if we disbelieve His truth, then we disobey His truth
9. They are "sent" just like I am "sent" (**verse 18**)
 - Rea -so... far from being taken out of the world, they are sent into the world!
 - Rea -as light in a dark world
10. I "sanctify" myself (**verse 19**) so that they might be sanctified
 - Rea -how? - by His truth
 - Rea -Old Testament priests were cleansed because they were vehicle through whom God gave His word and His instructions...
 - Rea -as messengers of God, we ought be as "sanctified" as possible
 - Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Discuss what it takes to have "joy"
 2. Discuss how gospel "truth" makes us joyous and good witnesses
 3. Discuss how Satan is a "liar" and Jesus is the "truth"

II. Unite - John 17:20-23

1. Not praying for these alone (**verse 20**)
 - but for those who believe through them
- Rea -specifically - through their “word” (witness?)
2. Prays for unity (**verse 21**)
- Rea -how important is unity in the local church? - why is there often not unity in the local church?
3. Unity like father and son are unified (verse 21)
 - unity with one another and unity with God and Jesus
4. I have given them the glory that you have given me (**verse 22**)
 - glory here might mean “honor” - some believe in us because they see Him and His way in us
5. When they see the unity with the Son and Father - they will know we have been “sent” (**verse 23**)
 - “perfect” refers to being “completed” - perfected in Him
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. United with Christ then united with one another??
 2. To be truly united and truly “love one another” requires a supernatural work of God??
 3. I note that Jesus is aware of our needs - now even though He lived 2000 years ago
 - I note that Jesus cares about our “joy” and “unity” now
 4. My heart is broken when I hear that churches split

III. Gather - John 17:24-26

1. Prays we be with Him (**verse 24**)
 - note those God has “given” Him
 - united with Jesus we will behold His glory
 - the same glory given Jesus before the foundation of the world
2. The world did not know Him (**verse 25**)
- Rea -check out John 1:11-12
 - Jesus knew the Father in a far deeper way than any of His disciples
3. His disciples understood that Jesus was sent by God, the Father
4. I have declared that name to them (**verse 26**)
 - the miracles declare who God is and what God wants
- Rea -I see “name” as the whole being of God
5. By knowing the Father (verse 26) - we will experience the joy of the father
- Rea -a powerful need of human persons is to be loved, feel loved
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Knowing God is why the Son came
 2. “Depart from me I never “knew” you”
 3. Can we see the “glory” of God now?... or must we wait until heaven?
 4. The Son reflects the glory of the Father like a mirror reflects the glory of the son