

Pray Like Jesus

Today's Message: "The High Priestly Prayer Pt. 2"

Message Study Guide

Introduction

For those of you who love the pure, uncompromising, unadulterated truth, the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ recorded only in John 17 stands as a Mount Everest. It is truly one of a kind. It is a prayer of Jesus that comes just after His upper room discourse in John 14-16. After the 16th chapter concludes, Jesus is literally on His way to the cross. The final days and moments of His life on earth are slowly but surely ebbing away. Yet, in John 17 He pauses to pray the most profound prayer recorded in the Bible.

The truth contained in this prayer of a little more than 650 words is astounding. He immediately informs them that He has all authority over all flesh and that eternal life has been given to all those who have been given to Jesus Christ by the Father. The greatest definition of true salvation is found in verse three. He then tells the hearers that He existed before the world began with the Father.

Sovereignty, supremacy, foreknowledge, predestination, sanctity, perfection, truth, eternal security, election, and a host of other truths are found in this prayer. This prayer was prayed as if He wanted to make certain that everyone knew these basic tenets of the faith.

Discussion Points

It is amazing to think that as Jesus was on His way to the cross, that He would pause to pray this astonishing prayer that contained so many of the Bible's greatest truths. It was His final opportunity to let people know what truth really is.

Discussion Questions

1. According to John 17, why do you think Jesus truly believed that truth was more important than anything else?
2. See if you can identify the verses that speak of God's sovereignty, election, and assurance of salvation.
3. Jesus says that unity is when we follow the mission and commands of Christ, not by merely conforming to something. What is the biggest difference in the two?
4. In the concluding part of this prayer, Jesus reminds us that He will remain with us through the Holy Spirit, and that one day we will enjoy His presence forever in heaven. What did He promise to do for us while we are still on the earth?

Think About It

One of the amazing themes behind John 17 is His amazing love for those individuals that were given to Him by His Father so that He might give to them eternal life. How deep does the love, mercy, and grace of God go on our behalf on a daily basis?

Do Something About It!

The challenge for all of us is simple. In light of His love for us, how do we live each day to make certain that we express our gratitude to Him that truly shows He is the treasure of our lives?

Be Willing To Change

"Sanctify them through thy truth: for thy Word is truth". (John 17:17)