

The Lord Jesus Christ Prays - John 17:6-12 Part 2

Christians should pray as we are conformed into Christ's image. Prayer is God's appointed way for us to stay connected to Him. It's His will for us to obtain the Holy Spirit's guidance and power to obtain those things that are needful for us to live and serve Him, this community, and other Christians.

6: I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word.

God is a designation not a name. The Lord is the title not a name. The only name we have for God is "Yahweh" or "Jehovah". Jesus is the Greek rendering for "Joshua". In Hebrew Joshua means Jehovah saves. Jesus as the "uniquely begotten Son" perfectly shows us God (John 14:8-12). Thine they were - This phrase asserts that before conversion we still belong to God. All Christians were chosen before the foundation of the world (Acts 18:9-11, Ephesians 1:4). Our names are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 17:8).

7: Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.

8: For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.

Though His disciples didn't fully understand everything He told them, they knew He is the Son of God (Matthew 16:18) and was sent by God.

9: I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.

Jesus' works and ministry proved the authenticity of His divinity. The ones that He chose as apostles and disciples (including us) have the ministry to reach the world (II Corinthians 5:19). His ministry was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24).

10: And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

We don't belong to or live for ourselves but for God (I Corinthians 6:20, 7:23, Philippians 1:21).

11: And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one as We are.

We are IN the world, not OF the world (Galatians 6:14, Ephesians 2:12, II Peter 1:4).

As the Cross is mere hours away, Jesus prays for our conformity to God and our unity with each other (John 13:35).

12: While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that thou gavest Me I have kept and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Jesus protected all of them (John 18:3-8) but not Judas who stood with the world and betrayed Christ (Mark 14:43-45).

Conclusion: As we grow closer to Christ we will emulate His commitment to "pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17).

We should pray for: [a] our brothers and sisters undergoing horrific persecution; [b] the lost in this community; [c] ourselves and each other; [d] our political leaders; [e] our teachers and preachers, etc.

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