

**John 17:2**

You (Believer) Are *the Father's Love Gift to the Son!*

John 17 is the greatest prayer ever prayed. Over the years John 17 has been called \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Exalted Lord, reigning high. Over earth and over sky. Exalted King, on your throne. Glorious grace and mercy shown. Exalted Christ crucified; defeating death, to bring us life. Savior, Friend, so much more, Exalted Lord!*

*For His own glory the Father placed you at his side. Salvation's story, the Lamb was sacrificed. Raised from the power of death, ascended to the throne, orchestrating life, interceding for His own.*

*I have called you good, a faithful Friend, a loving Lord, heaven knows the truth, you are so much more. Reigning valiantly at the Father's right hand, Author of History, the Great I AM! You're the shining Light appearing to Saul, the fourth Man in the fire, Creator, Rebuilder, You are the Justifier. You're the Son of Righteousness with healing in your wings, the Lord of lords, our Blessed Hope, you are the King of kings!”*

John 17:1-5 Sermon Outline

**I) The Soli Christo Gloria Petition**

(John 17:1, 5; see 3/12/23 sermon)

**II) The Father's Three-Pronged \_\_\_\_\_.**

(John 17:2; Dan. 7:13-14)

**A) The exalted Son was given full authority to act as Savior, \_\_\_\_\_, and**

\_\_\_\_\_. (Note also Matthew 28:18-20; John 5:22-27).

**B) The Obedient Messiah is \_\_\_\_\_ a very special love gift.**

*(John 17:2b; 6:36-66; 17:9; Hebrews 2:10-13)*

By the mercies of God, I have been sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_,  
saved, and set apart for the Lord Jesus Christ; (Eph. 1:3-14)!

**C) The Glorified Savior is granted the right to give \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(John 17:2; 14:6; Matthew 1:21; Romans 6:23)*

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

John 17 is the greatest prayer ever prayed. What are some other names that have been given to describe John 17? In what sense does John 17 contain “the real Lord’s prayer?” (Matthew 6 is “the disciple’s prayer”). Are you amazed Christian listener by the fact that Jesus prays for us? Note Is. 49:16; Jn 17:2f.

At its core prayer is a conversation. It is communion and fellowship with Holy God (who is the believer’s heavenly Father). Note John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5.

Puritan preacher Thomas Watson wrote, “Prayer keeps the heart open to God — but shut to sin. Prayer is the key which unlocks God’s treasures of mercy! Prayer is the arrow, and faith is the bow, by which our requests go up to Heaven.” In what ways is Jesus’ communion with God the Father unique and special?

Prayer and Scripture intake are two of the most important spiritual disciplines for the Christian life. Why is this? Note Acts 2:42; Col. 4:2; Matt. 26:41; 1 Pet. 2:2-3.

As the disciples listen in on this holy conversation (between the Son and Father), they are reminded again of what lies ahead (ministry in the world after the Master’s departure). The disciples are still dejected and dumbfounded by what Jesus has told them in John 14-16; even though they shouldn’t have been! Read John 14:1 and 16:33 and review the previous sermon outlines listed in the notes. Remind yourself of the broader Upper Room context.

Isaiah 49:16; John 17:2b. In what sense are the elect of God a special love gift from the Father to the Son? See also *John* 6:33-44; 66; 17:9; Hebrews 2:10-13. The doctrine of election humble, thrill, and motivate redeemed sinners. How so? Note Ephesians 1:3-14.

By the mercies of God, I have been sovereignly selected, saved, and set apart for the Lord Jesus Christ; (Eph. 1:3-14)! Amazing grace! “Love so amazing, so Divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!”

Listen to the *Together for the Gospel* version of the Isaac Watt’s Hymn, “How Sweet and Awful is the Place.”

#### Sermon Outline of John 16:25-33

**A Word of Hope.**

*(John 16:25-27)*

**A Gospel Interlude.**

*(John 16:28-30)*

**A Dire Prediction.**

*(John 16:31-32)*

**A Parting Promise and a Final Charge.**

*(John 16:33)*

From Sorrow to Joy expositional outline of John 16:16-24

**1) The Foundation for Complete Joy is Built Upon the Person and Work of Christ.**

(John 16:16-22)

**2) The Graphic Analogy that Illustrates Jesus' 'From Sorrow to Joy' Promise.**

(John 16:21-22)

**3) The Pathway to Deep and Overflowing Joy.**

(John 16:23-24)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Apostles (and by extension to us, the Church)

The Spirit's role is to 1) **Guide the Human Authors of Scripture (the Apostles) into Complete Truth.**  
(John 16:12-13a; 2 Peter 1:16-21)

The Spirit's role is to 2) **Disclose Everything Jesus' People Need to Know about the Future.**  
(John 16:13b; Revelation 6-22)

The Spirit's role is to 3) **Help the Disciples Join His Cause in Glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.**  
(John 16:14-15)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Big, Bad World. (2/5/23 sermon)

**1) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of its Sin.**

(John 16:8-9; 15:22; Acts 2:37-41)

**2) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World Concerning True and Counterfeit Righteousness.**

(John 16:8, 10; Rom 3:25-26; 10:3f;)

**3) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Judgment.**

(John 16:8, 11; 12:31; Genesis 3:15; Col. 2:13-15; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:10-15)

2 Major Takeaways from John 15:26-16:4a sermon

**1) Christ Abundantly Aids His People, Especially Faithful Disciples who are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake.** (John 15:26-27; 14:16-18; Acts 1:3-11)

**2) Christ Forewarns His Disciples to Forearm Them For the Coming Conflict with the Hostile World.** (John 15:28-16:4a; 15:18-25; Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14)

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