

John 17:17-19
A Prayer for Evangelistic Purity

INTRO: How is Jesus' particular love for His special people seen, heard, and felt throughout the Gospel of John, especially so in chapter 17? (note John 13:1)

What is one of the most practical ways you can show another believer Christ-like love?
(You do not need any money to bless someone in this way)

Macro Outline of John 17

- I) Jesus' first prayer petition is to be glorified that the Father may be all in all.
- II) Jesus prays for His disciples to be Divinely protected and to be progressively sanctified.
- III) Jesus prays for the evangelistic purity and missional unity of His future disciples!

John 17:17-19 Sermon Outline

Jesus' prayer for His disciples' sanctification is:

- 1) **By the** _____ (John 17:17)

Jesus' prayer for His disciples' sanctification is:

2) For our _____ in the world. (John 17:18)

Jesus' prayer for His disciples' sanctification is:

3) Connected to Christ's perfect _____ and His perfect _____
(John 17:19)

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

What is the most important thing you heard today? What do you want to study further after listening to today's sermon exposition? How can you apply today's sermon to your Christian walk this week?

Using John 17 write someone a "praying for you" card after praying for them this week!

We pray most earnestly for those we love the most. Even if your physical health begins to fail you, to the degree that you are unable to get about as you once did, you can always devote yourself to prayer! We pastors are indebted to our faithful prayer warriors! We feel the love via your prayer support! Thank you!

When you intercede on behalf of fellow believers (and those you love) what do you ask God for beloved? Do your prayer priorities match the petitions of Christ? What can we learn about prayer from Jesus?

How might you pray for someone to "be IN the world but not OF the world?" (note last week's sermon)

Do you ask God to watch over and to provide spiritual protection for those you love, especially for those saints who put themselves in harms way for the sake of the Master? Missionaries. Those working in secular (anti-Christian workplaces). Those in godless school settings. Those who are called to speak hard truths to people who sometimes don't want to hear it (biblical counselors, preachers, evangelists, etc).

How does God progressively sanctify Christian disciples in the truth? Do you ask God to sanctify those you know and love? As well as for yourself of course.

What three "enemies" are addressed directly or indirectly in John 17? One enemy is also the mission field.

What is the relationship between godly living/sanctification/Christlikeness and evangelism?

How does a consecrated, holy life glorify God, edify fellow believers, adorn the gospel, and assist our gospel witness with unbelievers/the world?

What was shared concerning "the power of a holy life?" What are the three compelling reasons for living a holy life? (note Titus 2:5-11; 1 Peter 2:11-12; John 17:17-19; Philippians 2:15-16; 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:22-23). Be inspired by the godly example of the young believers mentioned in Daniel 1-6.

Related songs to listen to this week: *A Christian's Daily Prayer. Take My Life and Let it Be.* Others?

A) True holiness is *motivated* by love (Deut. 6:5-25; John 14:15)

B) True holiness is *empowered* by the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16-25; John 16:13; Rom. 8:5-13)

C) True holiness is *realized* by the obedience of faith (John 4:34, 6:38; Rom. 14:23; Heb. 11)

D) True holiness is *enlivened* by the Word of Truth. (2 Tim. 3:15-17; Jn 8:32; John 17:17; Psalm 119:111; Eph. 5:26; Acts 20:32).

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