

INTRODUCTION

- * We have spent the last eight months studying John's account of the ministry of Jesus Christ - the Son of God who became the Lamb of God in order to take away the sin of the world.
- * Over the past two months, we have been studying chapters 13-16 which record Jesus' actions and instructions to His disciples during the final hours of His life. They traveling to the Garden of Gethsemane where He will pray and then, subsequently, be arrested. However, before they arrive there, Jesus takes a moment to pray for His disciples. We have the blessing of having that High Priestly prayer of Jesus recorded for our learning.
- * Today, we will consider the first eight verses of chapter 17, which records an important request of Jesus'.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE REQUEST (v. 1-3, 5)

A. The M_____ of the Request (v. 1-3)

1. THE BESTOWAL OF A_____ (cf. Matthew 28:19-20)

2. THE BESTOWAL OF E_____ (cf. John 3:16-21; 5:24; Romans 6:23)

a. The O_____ of Eternal Life

b. The D_____ of Eternal Life

i. UNDERSTANDING THE TERMS

* cf. Matthew 24:33, 43; Luke 7:39; John 1:48; 5:6; 7:27; 8:55; 21:17

ii. UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLICAL PRECEDENTS

* cf. 1 Chronicles 28:9; Deuteronomy 4:35; Jeremiah 9:23-24;

* cf. John 10:14, 27; Galatians 4:8-9; Philippians 3:7-14; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; 1 John 2:3; 5:11-13, 20; 2 Peter 1:2-4; 3:18

B. The E_____ of the Request (v. 5; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8)

II. THE RATIONALE (v. 4, 6-8)

A. I Have G_____ You On Earth (v. 4; John 13:31-32; 14:13)

B. I Have F_____ the Work which You Gave Me to Do (v. 4; John 4:34; 5:36; 9:3)

C. I Have M_____ Your Name (v. 6; Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10: 32-33)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- * DO YOU HONESTLY KNOW HIM ... AND NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM?
- * DO YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT GLORIFYING THE FATHER AND THE SON?
- OR, ARE YOU MORE INTERESTED IN SELF-GLORY?
- * WHAT, OR WHO, DO YOU TALK MOST ABOUT? WHERE IS JESUS ON THAT LIST?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Galatians 4:8-9 and 2 Timothy 2:19-21. What effect should "knowing God" have upon our everyday life?