

## John 17

John 17:1-3 say, “Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son; that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” Praying by \_\_\_\_\_ up one’s eyes to the heavens was commonplace in biblical times. We \_\_\_\_\_ our heads in prayer as a symbol of humility before God. I believe it is possible (but not certain) that Jesus may have been in the garden of Gethsemane when this long prayer was given by Jesus to His Father. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ having come would concern His approaching arrest in the garden and then His many \_\_\_\_\_ all the way to His death on the cross. Jesus’ sacrificial death was the act of greatest love that brought \_\_\_\_\_ to both Jesus and to His Father. God our Father gave Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ over all flesh (all humanity) to bestow eternal life upon those who would believe in Him. For believers, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life as personally \_\_\_\_\_ God the Father and Jesus Christ as one’s Lord and Savior!

John 17:4-5 say, “I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.” Jesus’ accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ was everything He did during His three-year public ministry to make His Father known. Again, God our Father bringing glory to Jesus would concern His death on the cross. Before the world \_\_\_\_\_, where Jesus shared His Father’s glory, was \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus took on human flesh (His Incarnation of God being made flesh – John 1:14). Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ God (John 1:1) the Father and with God the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ of time itself! Time, as we know it, began when the Lord said from Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

John 17:6-10 say, “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. “Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. “I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those

whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.” Jesus’ public ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (revealed) to believers the name of His Father to them. These believers were known as those who \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God the Father as spoken by Jesus! The believers \_\_\_\_\_ God’s word and accepted God’s revelation that the Father \_\_\_\_\_ the Son into our world. Those who believe in Jesus and obey His word bring Him glory!

John 17:11-12 say, “I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. “While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.” Jesus, in looking \_\_\_\_\_ to his glory at His Father’s right hand, could say, “I am no longer in the world.” Jesus, in acknowledging that His disciples would still be in the world fighting the good fight of faith, \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father to \_\_\_\_\_ them in His name, which the Father \_\_\_\_\_ Him in naming Him (Matthew 1:21-25). Jesus, only here, called His Father, “\_\_\_\_\_,” denoting the greatest reverence and sacredness of His Father’s name. The \_\_\_\_\_ given to believers by the Lord was not something to be achieved but was rather a \_\_\_\_\_ from Him of the precious, spiritual relationship of unity between the Father and the Son that was passed on to the believing church. Over the past 2,000 years, there have been many fractures to the unity given by the Lord that has certainly hurt the witness of the body of Christ in this world (1 Corinthians 1:10-18), while acknowledging that sometimes, because of obvious \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to the word of the Lord, separation must occur. Jesus had kept and guarded the disciples physically and spiritually, with Judas Iscariot being the only one \_\_\_\_\_ (being called by Jesus the “son of perdition”).

John 17:13-16 say, “But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” The only \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer is the joy which is given by Jesus Christ (“My joy”). Because the disciples (in every generation) believe \_\_\_\_\_ obey God’s word, they are \_\_\_\_\_ by the world of unbelievers who are blinded to their sinful

condition and need for a Savior and Lord by the enemy, Satan (2 Corinthians 4:1-11). Jesus asked His Father in prayer to keep His disciples \_\_\_\_\_ from the evil one (Satan, the devil), while keeping them physically alive in this world for the sake of being His witnesses, as the following verses reveal.

John 17:17-21 say, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. “For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.” To be “\_\_\_\_\_” is to be “\_\_\_\_\_” unto the Lord both as His child and as His servant. Believers are sent by Jesus to be His witnesses whom our Lord Jesus is praying for; and He is also praying for those (convicted unbelievers by the Holy Spirit) who will come to faith and be saved \_\_\_\_\_ the witness of those who believe in Jesus! In this way, the unity of believers would continue to spread! Jesus sanctified Himself (only possible because He is the Son of God) to “set Himself \_\_\_\_\_” to sacrificially die for all of humanity on the cross.

John 17:22-23 say, “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.” Here, Jesus, who had received glory from His Father, gave His glory to \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of having a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian unity that would be evidenced in this world by knowing the Lord and loving Him and being loved by Him!

John 17:24-26 say, “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” In the conclusion of His prayer to His Father, Jesus prayed His deep \_\_\_\_\_ for the disciples (and all believers) to be with Him \_\_\_\_\_. He would soon be (with the Father at His right hand). Again, outside of time, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always been (existed) in a perfect triunity of relationship “\_\_\_\_\_”

the foundation of the world.” Jesus only here called His Father “\_\_\_\_\_,” describing His sacred holiness and attributes of absolute goodness and truth in His Person. The Father’s love for His Son Jesus Christ would also be given to believers \_\_\_\_\_ with our Lord Jesus indwelling them (1 John 3:1-3).