

The Final Words of Jesus
Session 10: John 16 & 17 - Jesus High Priestly Prayer
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I. **John 16:5-15 – The Intimacy of Being Taught by God** : Jesus tells His disciples that they will be persecuted as they testify of Him (15:18-16:4). He then gives them more detail about the Counselor He spoke about in John 14 & 15 (16:5-15). Jesus tells of His going and the Counselor's coming (16:5-7), that the Counselor will convict the world (16:8-11) and the Counselor will guide us into all truth (16:12-15).

A. Jesus' going away and the Counselor's coming (16:5-7) - *John 16:5-7* - "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' (6) But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

1. *It is to your advantage that I go away* – Jesus goes away to the Father so we can have the same relationship with the Father He experienced as a man. It was the advantage of the disciples and is to all who follow Jesus for Him to go away physically so He could live in and through us.

a. **Joh 20:17** Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" "

2. *if I depart, I will send Him [the Helper] to you* - So we can walk the earth as Jesus walked the earth (1 John 2:6).

a. **Luk 24:49** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

b. **Joh 7:37** On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **Joh 7:38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **Joh 7:39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

B. The Counselor will convict the world (16:8-11) - *John 16:8-11* - *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) of sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; (11) of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

1. *He will convict the world* – The Spirit will reveal man’s sin and need for repentance, the righteousness of God over sin, and the defeat of the ruler of this world.
 - a. **Act 2:37** Now when they heard *this*, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" **Act 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

2. *The world* – In John, Jesus uses “world” to refer this present evil age (Galatians 1:4) and to the inhabitants of the earth who are not in relationship with Him (3:16, 17, 19; 6:33, 51; 7:7; 8:12, 23, 26; 9:5, 39; 10:36; 11:9; 12:25, 31, 46, 47; 14:17, 19; 14:27, 30, 31; 15:18, 19; 16:8, 11, 20, 21, 28; 16:33; 17:5, 6, 9, 11-16, 18, 21, 23-25; 18:20, 36-37). When we are chosen out of the world, we are brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light (18:36; Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9). We are then in world as a light but not of the world (17:14).

3. *of sin, because they do not believe in Me* – The Spirit convicts people of their sin, specifically of their unbelief in Jesus and their need for Him as Savior (Jesus) and King (Christ).

4. *of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more* – The Spirit convicts people of righteousness by revealing Jesus as the Righteous One. Righteousness is found only in Jesus (Romans 1:16-17; Acts 4:12). Righteousness means equity. Biblical righteousness is defined as God (Righteous One). Righteousness and love go together (1 John 3:10-12). Receiving God’s love (loving God with our all) and loving our neighbor is practicing righteousness.

5. *of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged* – The Spirit convicts people of judgment because Satan is defeated from having sway over those who turn to Jesus. He reveals that Jesus will return and judgment the world in righteousness. Jesus defeated Satan spiritually on the cross at His first coming (Colossians 2:15). He defeats him physically at His Second Coming (Revelation 19:20-21).

II. The Counselor will guide us into all truth (16:12-15).

John 16:12-15 - "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (14) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (15) All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

A. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now – The Spirit unpacks Jesus' words and gives more understanding. Jesus still leads us through His Spirit (16:5, 13). Part of the many things to say may be a reference to the book of Revelation.

B. The Spirit of truth... He will guide you into all truth – Jesus introduced the Spirit of truth in 14:17. The Spirit is our guide into Jesus the truth (14:6). He guides us into the truth about Jesus and the truth about His ways. Knowing the truth of Jesus, we know the truth of being in the family of God with God as our Father and this trust sets us free (8:32-36).

C. He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come – The Holy Spirit only speaks what Jesus and the Father give Him (16:13, 15). The “things to come” is mainly speaking about God's future overall plans. He tells us of things to come pertaining, His gospel going to every tribe, the end of the age, the ages to come, and He guides us along our personal journey's in the Lord (Ephesians 1:13-14). Much about the end of the age and the ages to come is given in the book of Revelation.

D. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you – The Spirit will “lift up” or magnify Jesus by telling us about Him, His Father, and their plans so we can agree with Him in intercession. The Spirit is focused on lifting up Jesus, not our ministries, talents, gifts, money, etc.

E. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you - The Spirit is the Spirit of the Father (Matthew 10:20). The Father and Son share in everything together. The Spirit shares in it with them and explains the Father and Son's heart and plans to us because we are in fellowship with them through Jesus (15:15). We agree with God in prayer and He brings forth His kingdom and will on earth as in heaven (Matthew 6:9-10). The depth of intimacy Jesus has with the Father He gives to us through the Spirit of truth.

III. John 16:16-33 – The Joy of Fellowship - Jesus answers His disciple's questions by telling them about the joy of fellowship with the Father (16:16-24), the Father's love for us as our motivation for fellowship (16:25-32) and the peace we can have in Him in a troubled world (16:33).

A. Jesus answers His disciple's questions by telling them about the joy of fellowship with the Father (16:17-24): *John 16:17-24* - "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." *Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"... (19) Now Jesus... said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? (20) Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. (21) A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. (22) Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. (23) "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. (24) Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

1. **'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'** – Jesus is referring to the ministry of the Holy Spirit within them enabling them to “see” Jesus by faith. He previously mentioned this concept in 14:16-21.

2. **Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you** – The disciples would have sorrow that all hope would seem lost with Jesus being crucified. However, Jesus would appear to them again after He was raised from the dead. He would then go to the Father and they would “see” Him by the Spirit in them. Because of the Spirit of God in us, no one can take away the joy we experience in being part of the eternal fellowship of the Father, Son and Spirit (I Joh 1:3).

3. **And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you** - “In that day” is referring to the days after Jesus ascended to the Father and they would walk by the Spirit as He had. Jesus is letting us know that we have direct access to the Father as He had when He walked the earth. We can know we have direct access by asking the Father and seeing Him give us answers.

a. **Heb 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

4. **Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full** – We ask the Father in Jesus' name because we access the Father through Jesus by the Spirit. Our asking is based on what the Spirit is speaking, which is what the Father and Son is speaking (16:13-15). There is complete satisfaction in this dialogue of hearing what the Spirit is saying and asking the Father through Jesus to bring forth what into the natural realm what the Spirit is saying.

a. **1Jn 5:14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **1Jn 5:15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

B. The Father's love for us as our motivation for fellowship (16:25-32). - *John 16:25-32* - "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. (26) In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; (27) for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. (28) I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." (29) His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! (30) Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." (31) Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? (32) Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

1. **I will tell you plainly about the Father** – Jesus would tell the disciples and tells us plainly about the Father through the Spirit. His words make sense to us only when the Spirit illuminates them. The Spirit of truth guides us into the truth about the fellowship we have with the Father through Jesus.

2. **In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you** – "In that day" refers to the ministry of the Holy Spirit telling us plainly about the Father. We have direct access to the Father through Jesus.

3. **The Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God** – Our confidence in asking the Father to fulfill His desires is rooted in knowing He loves us. We will dialogue with God to the measure we know and rely on God's love for us. We know the Father's love through knowing Jesus' love for us.

4. **I am not alone, because the Father is with Me** – Jesus said this in relation to declaring that all His disciples would be scattered when He was arrested. His confidence was not found in having people around Him but in the fact that He knew the Father was with Him through the indwelling Spirit. With the indwelling Spirit of the Father we are never alone.

C. The peace we can have in Jesus in a troubled world (16:33) - *John 16:33* - *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

1. ***These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace*** – Jesus spoke the words in John 13-17 so we could abide in Him with confidence in His love and peace just as He abided in the Father with confidence in His love and lived in His peace. He spoke this after saying that He was not alone because His Father was with Him—through the Holy Spirit (16:32). He was not alone and those who abide in Him are not alone and this assurance of not being alone is true peace (14:16-18).

IV. **John 17:1-19 – Jesus Finishing the Father’s Work:** After telling the disciples about the relationship they would soon share with the Father (Joh 14-16) He now prays to the Father for the fulfillment of the words He has spoken (17:1-26). He said this prayer in confidence that He had overcome the world (16:33). Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him as He finished the Father’s work (17:1-5) and then He prays for the disciples to grow in relationship with the Father (17:6-19). Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him as He finished the Father’s work (17:1-5).

A. *John 17:1-5 - Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, (2) as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. (3) And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (4) I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. (5) And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

1. ***Father, the hour has come*** – The hour of Jesus’ death and resurrection had come. This was the moment the prince of this world would be condemned (12:30-31; 16:11) as He defeated sin and death by the cross (Col 2:15).

a. Jesus said this earlier in response to some Greeks wanting to see Him (12:20-23). The hour had come for Him to reveal love in fullness to the world as He saved people from their sins by laying down His life. He would draw not only Jews but all the world to Himself (12:32). "**Joh 12:27** "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **Joh 12:28** Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

2. ***Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You*** – Jesus is asking the Father to lift Him up that He may lift the Father up in drawing all nations to Himself (12:32). Jesus death condemned the prince of this world and made the way for all mankind to return to fellowship with God. He paid the penalty of death that resulted from sin. He was delivered to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification (Rom 4:25).

a. God's name was revealed in Jesus as He literally revealed the compassionate, gracious, patient and faithful love of God (Exo 34:6-7; 12:20-34; 13:31-33; 17:1-5).

3. You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him – Jesus was given authority over mankind, not to condemn them but to give them eternal life (3:17). He reveals the true heart of God.

4. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent – Jesus defines eternal life as knowing the only true God and Himself. This is the only time Jesus Himself says the phrase “Jesus Christ”. Only through Jesus do we know God (1:18; 5:22-23; 14:6; Mat 11:27; I Joh 5:10-12).

5. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do – Jesus finished the work of the Father and glorified the Father by revealing Him in word and deed. The work He was given was to reveal the Father to the world (Joh 1:18; 7:18; 8:50; 12:49-50). This includes His hanging on a cross to death.

6. O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was – Jesus was with the Father before the world began (1:1-2). Jesus is agreeing with the Father to raise Him from the dead.

V. He prays for the disciples to grow in relationship with the Father (17:6-19)

John 17:6-19 - "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. (7) Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. (8) For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. (9) "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. (10) And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. (11) Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. (12) While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. (13) But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. (14) I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (15) I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (18) As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. (19) And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

A. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world – Jesus finished the work of revealing the Lord as His Father (17:4). He had told them about the Father and would make it even clearer through the Spirit (16:25).

B. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word – Jesus was intentionally focused on pointing the disciple to His Father that they would come to know Him as their Father. The word they kept was believing the words that Jesus spoke about Himself and His Father (5:24, 38; 8:31, 37, 43, 47; 51, 52, 55; 12:47, 48; 14:10, 23, 24; 15:3, 7, 20; 17:6, 8, 14, 17).

C. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them – Jesus is lifted up in those who believe in Him. The Father glorifies the Son, the Son glorifies the Father and we glorify Jesus (13:31-32; 17:1, 10). The Father and Son are in complete unity together and they invite us into fellowship with them.

D. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are – The name of Lord is above every name. The truth Jesus is expressing is that there is no power greater than the Lord's name. He is able to keep us from giving in to the evil one (17:15) and to conform us to His likeness so that we walk in unity together in fellowship with the Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus kept the disciples from the evil one while He was on the earth (17:12). He is the Lord.

E. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves – Jesus wants us to experience the same joy of fellowship with the Father He experienced on earth (15:11; 16:24; 17:11). Complete joy is found in remaining in Jesus' love and walking in simple obedience by the power of the Spirit (15:11).

F. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world – Jesus gave the disciples the truth about Him being the way to the Father who is God. They believed the word and the world hated them as a result (17:6, 8).

1. They are not of the world as I am not of the world is an awesome statement of intimacy of how Jesus sees us. We actually get to walk with God because of Jesus' work on the cross. We get the joy of being in fellowship with Him in the midst of evil days. We can be exceedingly glad (Mat 5:10-12).

G. That You should keep them from the evil one – Jesus prays that the Father would keep us from the evil one while He also taught us to pray in this way (Mat 6:13). The name of the Lord keep us safe from the onslaught of the evil one; His temptations and accusations (17:11-12).

H. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth – God’s word is truth that sets us free and sets us apart (8:32; 17:17). The Father’s word is Jesus word and vice versa (8:31; 14:10, 24; 16:15; 17:8). His word involves the truth of the eternal fellowship of God and how are invited into this fellowship through Jesus (5:24, 38; 8:31, 37, 43, 47; 51, 52, 55; 12:47, 48; 14:10, 23, 24; 15:3, 7, 20; 17:6, 8, 14, 17).

I. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world – As the Father sent Jesus into the world to release light and reveal the Father so Jesus has sent us into the world (20:21; Mat 5:13-16). Jesus sends us into the world with the same access and resources He had when He was sent into the world. They would have the same relationship with the Father He had.

J. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth – Jesus chose to be set apart from sin in fellowship with His Father to point of death (14:31; Heb 2:14-18) to provide the way for us to be set apart in Him.

1. The result of abiding in Jesus is peace. Peace is about confidence in God’s acceptance and enjoyment of us that He demonstrated by giving His life for us (Rom 5:8; Eph 2:13-14). He gives us peace that brings confidence in His love rather than the false peace of the world that leads to death (14:27).

K. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world – The peace we have in Jesus does not free us from tribulations. However, we can rejoice in our tribulations because we are in Jesus who has overcome the world and now holds the keys to death and Hades (Rev 1:18).

1. Tribulation means pressure. Be of good cheer means to take courage. We are in Jesus, who subdued Satan’s power to keep us in sin and the fear of death. Satan’s power often operates through people who live in agreement with him and through systems that are built by those who agree with him. We can be at peace and lives with God’s courage in the midst of pressure to conform to the world and believe lies about God and ourselves.

2. Jesus has overcome (subdued) the world in the sense of defeating Satan’s sway over us and his power to keep us in bondage to sin and the fear of death. He stood against every lie about the Father not being good.

VI. John 17:20-26 – Honoring Jesus - After telling the disciples about the relationship they would soon share with the Father (chapters 14-16) He now prays to the Father for the fulfillment of the words He has spoken (17:1-26). Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him as He finished the Father’s work (17:1-5), He prays for the disciples to grow in relationship with the Father (17:6-19) and He prays for all who will believe to walk in the unity of the Father and the Son (17:20-26).

A. Jesus is about to go to the cross in demonstrating the love of the Father for us in fullness. His prayer just prior to this in John 17:20-26 tells us of His deep desire for us to be in unity the way that He and His Father are in unity. When we choose to be divisive and not walk in humility and love we are not honoring Jesus (Eph 5:21). We are to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace; the bond of Jesus (Eph 2:14; 4:3).

B. Jesus prays for all who will believe to walk in the unity of the Father and the Son (17:20-26). - *John 17:20-26 - "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; (21) that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (22) And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: (23) I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (24) "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (25) O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. (26) And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

1. It is helpful to consider what Jesus is saying in these verses in context to Him being a man and that He has in mind every tribe (people group) of the earth.

2. *Those who will believe in Me through their word* – All peoples who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. Consider the intimacy of this: Jesus peers down through the generations longing for people from every tribe and pray for all who would come to know Him. He longed for them to know the love that He and Father shared which produced unity among them. He wanted this unity to be expressed through His body so that every people group would come to know Him and truly the nations would become His inheritance.

a. We carry the same “word” Jesus carried by His Spirit in us. The original disciples declared the gospel and then it has been declared to the generations to this present day. The gospel surely is the power of God not the power of men (Rom 1:16). The gospel has been declared through the Holy Spirit transcending generations (1 Pet 1:12).

3. *That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You* – Jesus’ desire for us in the world until He comes is that we would walk in unity together the way He walked in unity with His Father. Jesus being in the Father and the Father in Him is synonymous with the abiding terminology He used in John 15. It is about agreement. Jesus lived in agreement with His Father as a man through the Spirit; first and foremost in agreement with the love the Father had for Him. He rested in this love and walked out this love relationship before the world to point of death on the cross to revealing His love and commitment to who would receive the redemption He secured for them.

a. Looking at these verses through the lens of Jesus being a man, Jesus was in the Father by Spirit and the Father was in Jesus by the Spirit.

b. We stay “one” by keeping the first commandment in first place (Mat 22:37-40).

c. Jesus uses the “in me, in you” truth several times in John 17:20-26 (17:21, 23, 26). The result: the world believing Jesus was sent (17:21), fullness together (17:23) and confidence in love (17:26).

4. The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one – The “glory” is speaking of the dignity of having fellowship with God; of being given entrance into fellowship with the Holy One. We are given them because of what Jesus did in becoming a man and laying down His life. The Spirit is the One who enables us to fellowship and be one together in Jesus.

a. Jesus was given the nature of Father fully (Col 2:9) and we have been given that nature fully in Jesus (Col 2:10). As a man Jesus was given the Spirit. We have been given the nature of God in our spirit because we have been given the Spirit revealing Christ in us.

b. The result of having the glory of fellowship (Eph 3:6, 9): being made perfect in one, the world knowing Jesus was sent from the Father, and the world knowing the Father loves us as He loves Jesus (17:23).

c. The oneness recall is composed of the family of God that is made up of people from every tribe of the earth (17:20).

5. I in them, and You in Me – Jesus is in us by the Spirit and we are in Him by the Spirit.

6. Perfect in one – Perfect means complete. We are complete and cannot be defeated as we center together in Jesus (Col 2:10). The perfection/completion is a reference to the church being united around Jesus but recall that Jesus has in mind every tribe of the Earth. Unity includes:

a. Agreement around Jesus in local bodies of believers.

b. Every tribe of the earth as the family of God under the leadership of Jesus.

7. And that the world may know that You have sent Me – The world, meaning the tribes of the earth, will know that Jesus has been sent when people from all different cultures can move in consistent love toward one another in the midst of their enemies.

8. **Loved them as You have loved Me** – The Father loves us just as He love His Son. He gives us through Jesus the same standing in relationship and same access Jesus has with Him. The Father loves Jesus wholeheartedly and He loves us wholeheartedly.

9. **Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am** – I believe Jesus is expressing His desire for His Second Coming even before He wraps up His first coming! Toward the beginning of His discourse with the disciples He had said He was going away to prepare a place for them in the Father's house and would come back to take them to be with Him that they could be where He was; in the Father's house (14:2-3). Jesus is at the right hand of the Father in a human body forever glorified and He wants us to be with Him forever glorified (1 cor 15:51-52).

a. The way Jesus gets this desire met is by us honoring His leadership together above our own leadership.

10. **That they may behold My glory which You have given Me;** – This points to the saints being changed from mortality to immortality (1 Joh 3:2). This is Jesus' desire.

11. **O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me** – This is the only time Jesus uses the term "Righteous Father". The Father of all creation is the just and Innocent One; full of light with no darkness in Him at all. Jesus alone knows Him. He makes Him known to mankind (Mat 11:27).

12. **I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them** – Jesus declared the Father's name and continues to declare it by the Holy Spirit. When He declares the Father's name, this includes His nature.

a. Jesus seems to be referencing back to the blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 when He prays this. When the priests would bless the children of Israel with the blessing in verses 24-26 they were putting God's name upon them (6:27). The blessing is basically a declaration of God's nature. He would take care of them because it is His nature. The result is lasting peace/rest/contentment.

b. The result of Jesus declaring the Father's name: We are empowered to love God with our all through knowing Christ in us (Eph 3:16-19). The declaring the name and revelation of the name equals revelation of love.

c. We could look at this phrase as Jesus' mission statement. His goal is to declare the Father's name that love may abound in His church which will eventually be composed as every tribe and thus He will come and have the nations as His inheritance.