

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

December 8, 2021

John 17:10 - 20

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12** While I was with them

in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in

the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou

shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent

me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall

believe on me through their word;

Pastor Tom read the passage as a whole before breaking it down verse by verse. He reminded us that this is part of the longest prayer recorded in the Bible.

Verse 10

And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

*Jesus is glorified by our testimony: how we act as Christians. If we don't behave like Christians, then the world will not get to see or know Jesus.

Pastor Tom reflected on the Boy Scout situation - a good organization that instilled good values into young men. But a very small minority of leaders stepped out of bounds and put a black eye on the organization. The same can (and does) happen in the Church.

*Matthew 10:16 states: *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

*We are to be reflections of Jesus Christ for others.

Verse 11

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

*The focus of what Jesus is praying for: For God's people to be in unity. The devil knows if the Church is divided then our testimony will be tarnished.

*First Century churches shared resources including money, food and burdens. This was not socialism, it was survival for them. It was God's plan of welfare. The government plan is welfare checks. This plan creates community, just as we shared Lisa's burden tonight.

*Until Jesus Christ returns, the church is to be the testimony of Him.

Verse 12

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

*At this point in time, none of the disciples were lost except the son of perdition (Judas Iscariot). Even within the 12 chosen disciples there was one who fell away. So there will be people in church who will fall away.

*Satan uses families as his #1 offense. Darts thrown at loved ones can hurt worse than those attacks on us.

Verses 13 through 16

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*Jesus says that He prays to the Father that He would not take the disciples out of the world (put them in a bubble). Why? They may need time to grow and see the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember that before and after 10 out of 12 of the disciples were martyred, they shared their testimony to thousands of people.

Verse 17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

* 'Sanctification,' much like the Holy Spirit, does not get preached much in the church today.

*When we accept Jesus Christ in our hearts, the Holy Spirit will convict you of who you are and you will recognize more and more sin in your life to deal with.

*Mostly God is a gentleman but sometimes He hits us with a 2X4 to get our attention.

*The work of sanctification is when you allow God to change you - not to perfection but toward completion. We are a work in progress as Meade reminds us.

*The Holy Spirit works through Truth and the Word. Who is Truth? Jesus! Who is the Word? Jesus! So what is the key ingredient to be sanctified? Jesus!!

*In a testimony - it's nice to hear who you were in the past but more important to know who you are now that the Spirit has worked in you.

*Remember: All sinners need a Savior!

Verse 18

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

*Jesus is recalling the Great Commission to go into all the world...

Verse 19

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

*A template is a pattern or guide so we can make duplicates. Jesus is our guide so we don't mess up and have too many nail holes in our drywall. (Referring to the template provided in light kits to show where to drill holes for hanging a light. Best results occur when the guide is used, not trying to eyeball it yourself...Pastor spoke from experience!)

Verse 20

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

*Now Jesus prays for those people who, down through the ages, will believe because they heard the Word/testimony from the disciples. This is us!!

*Jesus is on the throne now, praying for and weeping for us today! The Lord cries over our littered up lives even this minute.

May the Lord watch between me and thee
While we are absent one from the other.

In an added note:

Romans 8: 26 and 27 can encourage us when we do not know how to pray in a situation or when we are wearied by circumstances.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.