

The Lord's Intimate Prayer
Part 2
"Jesus prays for His disciples"
John 17:6-19

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Scripture Introduction:

We are in John 17 where Jesus is hours away from fulfilling His Father's will on earth. He's about to be crucified at the hands of angry sinners. But what Satan and His entourage of angry sinners meant for evil, God, in His Sovereign will and purpose, used this crucified Christ for our redemption.

Knowing this, Jesus prays. He prays for His Father to glorify Him; that was last time I preached, and now He prays for His disciples. They were a gift to Jesus from His Father. The next time I preach, we will look at Jesus praying for all believers from every generation.

But now He focuses praying for His disciple's.

Even though this prayer is specifically for His disciple's back then, rest assure that the application is for every true believer in Christ. No doubt!

John 17:6–19,

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming 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 ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Pray

Introduction and Illustration:

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Dwight Morrow, the father of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, once held a dinner party to which Calvin Coolidge had been invited. After Coolidge left, Morrow told the remaining guests that Coolidge would make a good president. The others disagreed. They felt Coolidge was too quiet, that he lacked color and personality. No one would like him, they said. Anne, then age six, spoke up: "I like him," she said. Then she displayed a finger with a small bandage around it. "He was the only one at the party who asked about my sore finger." "And that's why he would make a good president," added Morrow.

A little young girl Anne Morrow Lindbergh, who by the way, was the wife of Charles Lindbergh the famous pilot, recognized someone who was kind and cared and based upon that knew Calvin Coolidge would make a good president.

And Coolidge became the 30th president of the United States.

Someone cared. **

I have good news for you.

There is someone who cares **infinitely** more for you than Calvin Coolidge cared for that young girl.

Jesus Christ!

Proposition: Jesus is always praying for your spiritual welfare.

Three points I'd like to bring to your attention from this text to show you how Jesus is deeply concerned for you.

Point 1- Jesus reveals the Father to you

Point 2- Jesus Prays for you specifically

Point 3- Jesus is glorified in you

Point 1- Jesus reveals the Father to you

John 17:6, *"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world."*

This is an astounding statement Jesus made for a few reasons.

First, as I said in the past, there is no religion past, present, or future, that has a God who is intimately involved with His children. *

Although, religions like Hinduism, Bahá'í, and Islam may acknowledge father god, however, to my knowledge, the term is, best, impersonal.

The closest one is Judaism, which holds the view of the Father as the creator, omnipotent, sovereign, providential God of the universe.

But there is still that element of intimacy missing.

But, in our text today, Jesus reveals God, the Father to all that the Father gave to Jesus.

Jesus manifests, **His name** to all that was given Him.

And what it means to manifest His name, is simply to reveal the nature and character of God; all that He is.

God's desire has always been to reveal Himself to His people; not just to know about Him, but to make Himself fully known to them.

Isaiah said, *"Therefore my people shall know my name."* (52:6)

David in the Psalms, *"I will tell of **your name** to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."* (22:22)

And he also said, *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust **in the name** of the LORD our God."* (20:7)

So, to know or trust in the name of God, I think is to know God experientially; intimately.

This was and is the reason for the N/C.

Jeremiah proclaiming the N/C says in 31:33–34,

*"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they shall all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

Under the O/C, God revealed Himself to some like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David and others.

But most of the Jews and the rest of the world knew about Him and didn't have an intimate knowledge of God.

Even the ones that knew God, like Abraham, who was called a friend of God, didn't have a clear revelation of Him as those who have been redeemed by Christ.

It wasn't until the new glorious covenant came that God pours Himself into a person's heart and they were able to know Him personally and intimately.

But the only way this happens is through His Son Jesus Christ.

Christ through His word and His Spirit reveals the Father to us so we can know God.

Well, just how does Jesus reveal the Father to you?

Does the Holy Spirit come into your heart at salvation and bingo, you know the Father?

No.

The Spirit reveals to us the person and work of Jesus.

It's when we see Jesus, we see the Father.

"Jesus, God in human flesh, as Dr. MacArthur says, is the supreme manifestation of the name of God."

Remember when Phillip asked Jesus to show them the Father and Jesus said, *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

How is it, that if we see Jesus, we see the Father??

Because "He is, as the writer of Hebrew's tells us, *the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.*"

Where did God's name abide in the O/T?

The tabernacle and the temple. *

Dr. Andreas Kostenberger said, *"Jesus now replaces the tabernacle and the temple and God having become the "place" where God has put His name."*

In other words, God's name now abides in Jesus.

God stamped His very name on Jesus.

Do you want to get to know God the Father?

Get to know Son.

Learn from Jesus and the Father will be manifested to you more and more.

Jesus told His disciples that *“No one comes to the Father except through me. And if you know Him, you know the Father also.”*

Illustration and Application:

We just purchased camera for our home.

This is a security camera system so we can see, from our phones when we're away, if anyone who doesn't belong in our home is there.

It will actually send us a notification if it detects someone it does not recognize.

We were robbed a few times and if we had this camera, we could have a least identified the thief and the police could have had something to work with when we called them.

Now we have this security camera and I feel a little more secure when we're away.

The amazing thing about these cameras is that when you first install them, they send notifications if it detects motion, even if it spots me or Kim.

If I walk in view of the camera, the notification will alert me with my picture and basically tell me, “This person is trying to rob your house.”

You see, it doesn't know me yet.

The service provider sends you an email when you purchase their security camera and they say, *“As you're getting to know your new camera, it's getting to know your home. It's noticing where the door is. The busy times of day. Whether that's a fern or Aunt Fern.”*

And this camera is getting to know me and Kim, that we're not there to rob the house and we're good, we're ok.

So, now it knows us and knows we're not trying to rob our house and will not notify us.

The more know the Father through Christ, the more you understand that, like Christ, the Father is good and He's not pointing the finger at you saying, “you sinner.”

He's saying, I love you my son; my daughter.

The reason Christ is pleased to manifest God the Father to you is, **A. because God the Father gave you to Jesus.**

God sovereignly chose you and gave you to His Son.

John makes that perfectly clear: **John 6:37**, “All that the Father **gives me** will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”

Dr. Carson says it well, “This gift was not rooted in anything intrinsic to the people themselves. They were part of the wicked world, but God gave them to Jesus out of the world.”

And the Son died for those that were given to Him.

And what’s the evidence that God the Father gave them to Jesus?

They kept God’s word and believed Jesus was sent by God.

What’s the evidence in your life of being a true believer in Christ?

1. You trust in His Son; that He came from and was sent by God:

Vv. 7-8, Now they know that everything that you have given me **is from you**. ⁸For I have given them the words that **you gave me**, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that **I came from you**; and they have believed that **you sent me**.

Here’s the evidence that you’re a believer: **everything Jesus did and said, you believe came from God and that God sent Him into the world to do His will.**

You believe that!!

You believe the Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed and what it says about the Son of God:

“We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made.....

Do you believe that with all your heart????!!!

Evidence that you’re a true believer, you trust His Son and:

2. You trust in His Word.

Vv. 6b, 8:

*“Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁸ For I have given them **the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth** that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”*

Evidence that you're a true believer; you trust in His Word.

Trusting His word is equivalent to obeying His word.

If you're not obeying His word, you're are certainly nor trusting His word.

Trusting and obeying God's word **is equal** to trusting and obeying God.

John 14:24, *“Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.”*

Luke 6:46, *“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? **

Illustration and Application:

I think this story from “Our Daily Bread Illustrates a true genuine believer evidenced by obedience.

“Archibald Rutledge wrote that one day he met a man whose dog had just been killed in a forest fire. Heartbroken, the man explained to Rutledge how it happened. Because he worked out-of-doors, he often took his dog with him. That morning, he left the animal in a clearing and gave him a command to stay and watch his lunch bucket while he went into the forest. His faithful friend understood, for that's exactly what he did. A fire started in the woods, and soon the blaze spread to the spot where the dog had been left. But he didn't move. He stayed right where he was, in perfect obedience to his master's word. With tearful eyes, the dog's owner said, “I always had to be careful what I told him to do, because I knew he would do it.”

We're not dogs, but it illustrates that a Christian should be willing to believe trust and obey Christ and His word even if we must face death.

You keep His word not to merit salvation because you can't, but you keep His word as the result of your salvation.

Point 1- Jesus reveals the Father to you,
A. Because the Father gave you to Jesus,
and the result is:

1. You trust in His Son
2. You trust in His Word

Point 2- Jesus Prays for you specifically

From verse 9-19 Jesus is praying to His Father for His disciples.

But Jesus is not just throwing out random prayers. ***

Jesus' prayer for His disciples is a well thought out, calculated prayer.

He was very specific in praying for His own.

And His prayers were specifically for His own, not the world.

A. He does not pray for the world

He makes that perfectly clear: **V. 9,**

*"I am praying for them. I am **not** praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours."*

This doesn't mean God is not kind and benevolent towards this sinful world of people:

"He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5:45)

This doesn't mean the Gospel invitation doesn't go to lost sinners of this world.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The prophet Isaiah said, *"Come, everyone who thirsts,*

God's common grace is for this lost broken world.

Jesus prayed on the cross in Luke's Gospel, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

But when it comes to Christ's intercessory work as the great High Priest, it's reserved only for the ones God the Father gave to Jesus.

You must be careful of trying to make the Bible say what it's not saying.

Even if you learned something as a young believer that was off the mark; out of context, you need to abandon it.

So many Christians do to the Bible what they do on their computers; cut and paste. *

Jesus' prayer here was just for His own.

And He is **still** interceding for **just** His own.

Paul speaking to the Christians in Rome said that Jesus *is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*"

The writer of Hebrews said **Jesus** "*always lives to make intercession for them.*"

Those God saves are secure because of Christ's continual intercession for them.

He is the Great Shepherd of believers forever!!

He will always be interceding for us!

He doesn't pray for the world because:

1. Christ doesn't belong to the world; you do not belong to the world

Vv. 16, "*They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*"

Christ is from above and not of this world.

Jesus said to the Jews, "*You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*"

So are all who are born again, they are no longer from this world because they were born from above.

Paul told the Philippians that their citizenship is in heaven.

Peter told His hearers in his first epistle that they were sojourners and exiles.

In other words, they were to live as foreigners in this world.

And because Christ and His followers are not part of this world, **a. The world hates you.**

V.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.*"

Now, let me briefly define world here before we continue.

Often when the Bible speaks of world, it can mean the created world as we see it.

But, in this context, it is speaking of a world system of evil, spearheaded by Satan.

The Greek-English Lexicon of the N/T says, it is “*people associated with a world system and estranged from God— ‘people of the world.’*”

In other words, anyone who is not a genuine believer in Christ belongs to this world’s system that Satan controls.

So, because Christ doesn’t belong to this world and you belong to Christ, and you don’t belong to this world anymore, the world hates you, because their father, the devil, hates you.

Why does the world hate you? **Because the world hates Christ.**

You can’t possibly read the Bible and not see that the world hates God.

And you can’t possibly be a Christian and after a while, not have this deep sense that the world is not fond of you either.

John 15:18–19, “*If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*”

Illustration and Application:

-Story of Phil-

People of the world will hate you.

But if they come to faith in Christ, their hatred will turn to love. *

Even though the world hates you, cheer up, Christ loves you and is interceding for you.

And His prayers are specific.

There are five specific prayers I see Jesus focusing on here in chapter 17:

1. He prays for B. Your protection- Vv. 11, 12, 15:

“*And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **keep** them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I **kept** them in your name, which you have*

given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you **keep** them from the evil one.”

Jesus prayed for your protection from what? **1. From the evil one.**

He doesn't remove His own from the world but protects them from the evil one.

Daniels three companions * He did not remove them from the fiery furnace but protected them through it.

Also, we are the salt of the earth.

If we were removed, “*it would be disastrous for the world*”, as Dr. Leon Morris said.

No, we're here to be a light to a world that is held captive by the devil.

And as we are in the world and not of the world, we are protected from the evil one.

1 John tells us that God protects us, and the evil one does not touch us and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

What do you think Satan would love to do to you?

Destroy your faith, like he tried to destroy Job's and Peter's.

But when you truly belong to God, **He can't!!!**

Do you know why??

Jesus prayed and is praying for you.

Luke 22:31–32, “Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan demanded to have you**, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² **but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.**”

Fear not! Jesus is praying for you!!!!

You are also protected from the evil one **a. That you may be in unity with Christ and His Church**

Vv. 11c, “*that they may be one, even as we are one.*”

If Satan could destroy your faith, it would destroy the unity between believers.

Illustration and Application:

I've seen this several times when people profess Christ and they're all happy rejoicing with the believer and Satan gets a hold of them and suddenly, they're arguing with you about Christianity that they once rejoiced with you.

They weren't genuine believers.

A genuine believer stays unified with the Church.

It doesn't mean it's always smooth but ultimately there's strong unity.

Adolf Schlatter a theologian said, *"Such unity is beyond human ability and is the result and gift of divine grace."*

Why? Because Christ is interceding for the Church's unity.

We are protected from the evil one, not only that he cannot destroy your faith but also, the unity of the Church.

2. He prays for C. Your assurance of salvation- V. 12:

*¹² While I was with them, I **kept** them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

As Christ kept the disciples in His protection, they would never be lost.

Through Christ's intercession, you will never lose your salvation.

You are eternally secure!!

There is a false teaching in the Church today that says a genuine believer can lose their salvation.

And they use certain Scriptures as their proof text, which would appear that one can lose their salvation.

But a close look and study at all Scripture, you can only say, "Praise God, I'm kept for eternity by His power.

An illustration I read by the late Dr. R. C. Sproul says it well, “*You’re not holding God’s hand, where you can lose your grip, God is holding your hand.*” *That’s what Jesus is asking the Father to do – to keep His grip on the disciples.*”

If it were dependent on you to keep your salvation or if a genuine believer can lose it, see you in hell!!!

John 10:27–30, “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.*”

Why the N/C?

Because we couldn’t do it under the old.

We needed new eternal hearts put there by God.

Christ **never** lost a soul.

The only one of the disciples that was lost was Judas.

It wasn’t that Jesus failed to keep him but rather to fulfill Scripture; Psalm 41 and 109.

This was all in God’s sovereign plan and yet at the same time Judas was responsible.

3. He prayed for D. Your Joy- V. 13,

“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

Jesus was leaving the disciples.

They were going to face hard times.

They’re were being left in a world that would hate them, persecute them and kill most of them.

But Jesus speaks of His Joy in them.

Not any Joy.

His Joy!!

I spoke of this extensively in chapter 16, so I won't spend time on it now.

But I want to tell you that Christ has made His Joy available to every one of His followers.

It is possible to have Joy in a hostile world.

How?

Understanding that you have eternal life and you're protected from the evil one.

4. He prayed for **E. Your sanctification**

Vv. 17,19:

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

First, let's define Sanctify, Sanctified, Consecrate.

The Concise Greek-English dictionary of the New Testament says the Greek word ἁγιάζω means to *set apart as sacred to God; make holy, consecrate; regard as sacred; purify, cleanse.*

Sanctification is holiness.

We are being set apart from the world, sin, the devil and the flesh unto God.

That's why is it important that you understand that you're not only justified, when you came to faith in Christ, but also sanctified.

Notice in second half of verse 11, Jesus addresses His Father as "Holy Father".

God is infinitely holy.

That's one of the attributes of God besides that He is omniscient, omnipotent immutable, etc., He is Holy, Holy, Holy.

And Jesus prays for His disciples that they too become holy.

Peter told the exile Christians in his **first epistle 1:16**, quoting Leviticus 11:44, “*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*”

In the O/T the Israelites were to be distinct and separate from the surrounding pagan, idolatrous nations.

They did this externally by the following the dietary laws and rituals, which should have carried over into their hearts for personal holiness.

They were to live God’s way.

And now Peter is commanding his readers, “you are to be distinct from the world by being holy as God is holy.

This is what Jesus is praying for; that His disciples would be sanctified by God.

But how are we sanctified?

Listen again to **verse 17**, “*Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth.***”

We are sanctified **1. By the truth of His Word.**

Doctrine from the word of God renews your mind and it’s not apart from that. *

I read this by **Dr. Sproul** and it really speaks correction to the Church in America today and maybe your life also.

He says, “*Hardly a day goes by that I don’t hear someone say, ‘Doctrine doesn’t matter. What matters is relationships.’ If doctrine doesn’t matter, then truth doesn’t matter, and if truth doesn’t matter, our sanctification doesn’t matter, because sanctification doesn’t come through relationships. Our sanctification comes from the Word of God and from the truth that is poured out into our souls, truth that renews our minds, renews our thinking, and renews our lives. That truth, in turn, defines godly relationships. You can’t have a godly relationship without being in the truth. You can’t even know what a godly relationship looks like without understanding the context of the Gospel. Doctrine does matter.*”

You can’t be sanctified apart from God’s word.

Is there a part you play in sanctification?

Yes and no.

No, because you are, what scholars call positionally sanctified.

You've been set apart from sin and you are holy because of Christ in you.

Christ's death sanctified all believer's; His Church.

And God now sees you as complete.

But yes, we have a part, because, you are at the same time progressively being sanctified.

Why?

Because there is remaining sin in our lives.

And because of this you are to earnestly pursue holiness.

In effect, it's obedience to God's Word.

We are to "*Strive for peace with everyone, **and for the holiness** without which no one will see the Lord*" (Hebrew 12:14).

Your part; believe and obey His Word.

V. 19 tells us **a. Christ sanctified Himself for your sake.**

Christ Himself was set apart to do his Father's will

And for our sakes He consecrates Himself to die for our sins, which was the will of the Father, but also that we too can be sanctified, not only for holiness, which without His death would be impossible, but for our mission also.

He sanctified Himself so we would be sanctified in the truth and set apart so we can go into a lost dying world and proclaim the Gospel.

Only sanctified Christians can be sent out into the world.

5. He prays for F. Your Mission

V. 18, *As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*

Jesus was sent by His Father into the world, so He sends you and me into the world to be proclaimers of the Gospel of grace.

We could now make disciples by the grace of God that we ourselves experienced. *

Christ forgave us and taught us through other sanctified believers, and now we could do the same. *

Point 1- Jesus reveals the Father to you

Point 2- Jesus Prays for you specifically- **Vv. 9-19**

Point 3- Jesus is glorified in you

V. 10: *“All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.”*

I am not going to say much on this point because we saw the theme of glory the last time I spoke on Vv. 1-5.

He says, He has been glorified in His disciples.

There was nothing admirable about this motley crew.

And yet, the God of the universe, clothed in humanity could say He was glorified in them.

The late Kenneth Gangel said, *“What a stunning reality! Faltering, failing, sinning human beings represent the glory of the holy Son of God!”*

John Calvin said, *“Christ will never cease to care for our salvation, since He is glorified in us.”*

How do we bring glory to Christ?

Trusting Christ for our salvation, trusting Him in our sanctification, and obeying His Holy Word.

What a fantastic thought that God glories in less than perfect people because of the salvation He worked in us and it glorifies Him as we work out that salvation!!!

Illustration and Application:

As parents, we know what is to glory in our children.

When they do good in school or in sports; we glory in them.

Or when they are just respectful towards others and people tell us, "Oh, you have such wonderful children"; we glory in them.

When Brian and I as Pastors see you guys flourishing in Christ; in humility, we glory in that.

How much more does the eternal God glory in those of us He redeemed?

Conclusion:

Listen to Our Daily Bread's April 11th reading titled, "The last prayer of John Knox".

"While very ill, John Knox, the founder of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, called to his wife and said, "Read me that Scripture where I first cast my anchor." After he listened to the beautiful prayer of Jesus recorded in John 17, he seemed to forget his weakness. He began to pray, interceding earnestly for his fellow men. He prayed for the ungodly who had rejected the gospel. He pleaded in behalf of people who had been recently converted. And he requested protection for the Lord's servants, many of whom were facing persecution. As Knox prayed, his spirit went home to be with the Lord. The man of whom Queen Mary had said, "I fear his prayers more than I do the armies of my enemies." Knox ministered through prayer until the moment of his death."

John Knox ready to die is praying for his fellow men.

Jesus right before He is to go to the cross and bear the wrath of God for our sins, is interceding for your spiritual welfare.

In our application, what do these examples of Knox and the Savior tell us?

Be concerned for the spiritual welfare of others.

How?

1. Reveal the Father to others by sharing Christ and His Gospel to others so they too can trust in God's Son, trust in His word and escape this world's system.

It's Christ in you and His word that reveals the Father to others.

2. Pray specifically for others.

- a. for their protection from the evil one
- b. for their assurance of salvation
- c. for their joy in Christ
- d. for their sanctification by the truth of God's word.
- e. that they would also go and make disciples of all nations **

When we do these things, Christ is glorified!!!!

Have you been a Christian a long time and failed at this?

I have good news; God's grace is still available.

Confess it to our merciful and gracious God and ask for His heart for others.

There's a song we sang many years ago, "Someone is praying for you."

One of the verses said, "*And when you feel you're all alone and your heart would break in two, remember, someone is praying for you.*"

And I'll end with this:

****Remember, Jesus is praying for you. ****

Let's Pray.

Benediction:

"Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible" (Ephesians 6:24).

Amen!!!