

# “John 17”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I discussed John 17. The contents of John 17 involve us overhearing a prayer by the Son of God to His Father.

## **This is eternal life**

■ John 17:1—The Son of God knew that the time was close for the Father to glorify the Son.

■ John 17:2—The Son of God acknowledged that the Father had given Him authority to give eternal life to those whom the Father had given to the Son.

John 17:3—“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

## **Father and Son**

At that point, I demonstrated how the connection of the Father and the Son is mentioned throughout the New Testament.

Here is a breakdown of the 27 books of the New Testament that mention the connected importance of the Father and Son. (Bible students are keenly aware of the power of the Holy Spirit, but they notice that the overwhelming references are to the Father and the Son.)

■ In the New Testament books, 24 mention God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ almost immediately in the epistle.

■ In the New Testament, two books (Matthew and Luke) mention in the first chapter the birth of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. (People who theorize that an entity called the Holy Spirit impregnated Mary would have some serious complications to explain.)

■ One New Testament book (3 John) does not mention the Father and the Son in the short book.

## **Before the world was**

■ John 17:4-5—The Son of God finished the work that the Father gave Him and was looking forward to having the glory He had before the world was.

## **Father gave them to Son**

- John 17:6-7—The Father gave the disciples to the Son.
- John 17:8—It was important for the disciples to know that the Father sent the Son.
- John 17:9-10—The Son prayed for those whom the Father gave to Him.

## **Importance of being one**

- John 17:11—The Son asked that the disciples could be one, as the Father and Son are one.
- John 5:16-18—The people wanted to kill the Son of God because He claimed that God was His Father.
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Son is subject to the Father, that God may be all in all.

## **Among the world**

- John 17:11—The disciples were still among the world.
- John 17:12—The Son kept the disciples in the Father's name, and didn't lose any (except Judas as ordained).
- John 17:14-15—The world might hate disciples (because disciples are not to be of the world), but the Son prayed that the Father keep them from the evil one.
- John 17:16-19—Disciples should not be of the world, but sent into the world being sanctified by the Father's truth.

## **Prayer for those to come**

- John 17:20-23—The Son prayed for future disciples to be one.
- John 17:24—The Son looked forward to the time when disciples would join Him in glory.
- John 17:25-26—The Son reiterated the importance of people realizing that the Father sent the Son—and that the love between the Father and the Son can reach disciples.