

The Gospel of John

Chapter 17, Verses 20-26

Review

- **General Introduction**

- *one of the **four gospels**, each of which is a biography of Jesus and an historical narrative of his life*
- one of the **five Johannine books**, all of which are among the last books in the Bible to have been written
- written in Greek, primarily to those who already believed in Christ, including **both Jews and Gentiles**

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- The time of Jesus' glorification is the time of his return to the Father, when he will no longer be "in the world" with his disciples as he has been until then. He therefore asks the Father to continue to protect and unify them just as he has done while Jesus was with them. **(17:11-13)**

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- Jesus came into the world to give God's word to the disciples, who kept God's word and, therefore, were no longer of the world, just as Jesus was not of the world. Jesus sent his disciples out into the world, in the same way that God had sent him, to give God's word to others. Thus the world (ruled by Satan) hated the disciples just as it hated Jesus. Jesus did not pray that God would remove the disciples from the world, but he did pray that God would protect them from Satan. **(17:14-16,18)**

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- God's word which Jesus had given to the disciples is the truth...about God and Jesus and their glory ... the knowing of which is eternal life. Jesus asked God to sanctify* the disciples in this truth, so that they could convey the truth, God's word, into the world. **(John 17:17)**

*the Greek word (*hagiazō*) has the meaning “to make holy” or “to dedicate what is already holy” (R.V.G. Tasker). It is sometimes translated “sanctify,” “consecrate,” “dedicate,” etc. This same word is also used in John 10:36 and twice in John 10:19

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- John 10:36 reads:

父が聖別して、世につかわされた者が、『わたしは神の子である』と言ったからとて、どうして『あなたは神を汚す者だ』と言うのか。

do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

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- John 17:19 reads:

また彼らが真理によって聖別されるように、彼らのためわたし自身を聖別いたします。

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

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- Our union as the Church demonstrates to the world that Jesus was sent by God.

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- What the world believes may save some out of it, and it will add to the guilt of those who remain in the world.

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- To all true believers, Christ has revealed the glory which God has given him, and invited us to participate in that glory (which is humble and difficult in this world).

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- As the Church, the body of Christ, forms and becomes perfectly one, it becomes clear that God has loved not only Christ, but each member of the Church as well.

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- God's love and the Spirit of Christ are in each believer.