

John 17 – The Greatest Prayer. (13) Christ Jesus glorified in all believers. (refs for Bible study 14/6/18).

One of our problems is that we are too wrapped up in this world. We don't meditate enough on what's in store for us. Jesus' final petition for all believers is that we may be with him in Glory. Three closely connected aspects:

**Perfected sight, v24:** *'Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am'*. Better: *'I will that...'* More than a desire or wish. He wills that we be with him in Glory. Jn.14v2-3. Why? *'that they may behold My glory'*. To gaze upon the glorious sight that we've longed for, yet can scarcely imagine. We have already received glory, v22. We will receive much more in heaven, but the focus here is on us seeing glory – his glory! *'which You have given Me'*: his original glory, v5, was not given, it was eternally his as God. But now the Father has given him additional glory as the perfect God-Man, the Redeemer: *'rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified'*.

➤ Perfected sight is in store for us. So we should be purifying ourselves even now, 1Jn.3v2-3. *'for You loved Me before the foundation of the world'* He is the object of the Father's eternal delight and love, Is.42v1. The prayer is anchored in this love. The salvation of the elect stands more firm than the pillars of heaven and earth. The fact that we will see Jesus face-to-face does not depend on our moods, efforts, mental health, etc.

**Perfected knowledge, v25-26a:** Jesus varies his address of God, v1,5,11,21,24,25. *'Righteous Father'* because he is *'faithful and just'* 1Jn.1v9, Rm.3v26. Not asking for favouritism, but justice. With perfected sight comes perfected knowledge. Word used 5x. *'The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared (made known) to them Your name'* – a summary of his earthly ministry, *'and will declare it (make it known)'* – by the Spirit whom he sends, 15v26. We know God through Christ, v3. We increase in knowledge, 2Pet.3v18. Here Jesus prays that we will come to perfected knowledge, 1Cor.13v12.

➤ Think on it! You will know him perfectly, and all your perplexing questions will be answered.

**Perfected love, v26b:** *'that the love with which You loved Me may be in them'* What a statement! There is no love to match the love of the Father for the Son. It's the anchor of our salvation, and he prays that it may be perfected in us. *'and I in them.'* Perfected love means perfected union. We are already united to Christ which is amazing, but this will be even more wonderful! And it will happen because every prayer of Jesus is answered.

➤ Let it sink in! Our love for him perfected. And our love for each other. As well as our hatred of all that he hates. We see his glory as he walked the earth, Jn1v14. We see his glory as we walk with him, 2Cor.3v18. But the sight of glory will be greater than anything we can imagine, Eph.3v20-21.

➤ Here is comfort when we lose a believing loved one. *'Lord, you shall have them, and by faith we let them go!'*