

## Jesus Has Shown Us God

John 17:6-10 <sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

### ❖ Recap

- The Hour Has Come
- Jesus Prays for Glory so He Can Glorify
- Jesus is Given Authority to Give Eternal Life
- What is Eternal Life
- Doing God's Work Glorifies God
- The Glory of Jesus in the Presence of the Father

### ❖ Introduction

- **Jesus is continuing in His prayer for Himself, His disciples, and those who will come later**
  - It is a very simple thing we see here in these next few verses
  - As He begins to pray for His disciples...
  - We see 8 things this morning... and they are divided up in two ways...
- 1) What Jesus Has Done For His Followers
- 2) Followers Response to Jesus

### ❖ 1) Jesus Has Revealed the Name of God to His Followers

- **I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world.**
- **The Name of God is extremely important to God...**
  - The importance of a name.... A name describes who that person is...
  - In those days names meant something... they didn't just sound cool...
  - If a name did not fit someone, we would see God change it...
  - Abram is changed to Abraham
  - Jacob is changed to Israel...
- **The Name or Names of God Describe and Explain who He is...**
  - Modern science is doing its best to discover God...
  - To discover the nature of whatever it was that started life on this planet
  - They are consumed with this project...
  - **BUT:**
    - Jesus has come and revealed.... Manifested the name of God to us...
    - And what a privilege it is to be able to hear from the Son of God
    - Who God is...
- **When Moses went to the Israelites to deliver them**
  - He asked God... who shall I say Has sent me....
  - God says tell them... I AM that I AM has sent you

- The great I AM
- I exist.... I am existence... Yahweh
- **When Jesus came to this Earth...**
  - He was preceded with the name Emmanuel...
  - Which means God With Us...
- **Jesus is Named Jesus**
  - Which means Savior...
- **In Isaiah He prophecies the coming of the Messiah**
  - **Isaiah 9:6<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- **Jesus Life, teachings, miracles and Character have revealed the name of God to us all....**
  - Bread and Fish... provider
  - Light
  - Water
  - Healed Lame man
  - Blind Man
  - Walked on Water
  - Patient with His disciples
  - Led them and Taught them
  - Was merciful and compassionate
    - One of the greatest pictures of who God is, is seen with the woman caught in adultery
    - He says... go... and sin no more...
    - Man... that makes me tremble with thanksgiving...
  - The cross He bore without complaint... but with Joy...
- **If you want to know God.... Look to Jesus...**

## ❖ 2) Followers Belong to God

- **Yours they were, and you gave them to me,**
- **<sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine,**
- **He has ownership over His people...**
  - The Son has been Given all that the Father has...
  - Those that come to Jesus have been given to Him from the Father...
- **Great to see that God has us in His hands... that we are precious and important to Him**
  - **John 10:27-30<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."**
  - Expound

## ❖ 3) Followers Keep His Word

- **and they have kept your word.**

- **Kept:**
  - To hold on to... to guard to protect...
- **The followers of Jesus love His word, and protect it...**
  - They hold on to it when times are difficult...
  - They do not want His word twisted or turned in the wrong way...
- **For the disciples:**
  - When Jesus gave them the words of God...
  - They believed them and held on to them...
- **How do we keep His word...**
  - By reading and studying it...
  - By believing it...
  - By committing it to memory
  - By keeping it pure...
  - By not twisting it
  - By living it out
  - By making it important in our lives...
- **How have you done in keeping the words of God?**

#### ❖ 4) Followers Know the Source of Jesus is the Father

- <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.
- **They knew Jesus was Given all things from the Father...**
  - This may not seem important but it really is...
- **Think of the shock of meeting a man with claims to be from God... to be God himself...**
  - It may take a little convincing to believe this right...
  - I mean... it is strange... it is not everyday that you walk by and meet God on the street in a human body
  - This took great Faith... it took great belief
- **The Disciples were confident and they knew....**
  - That all His power
  - And all His words
  - And All his character
  - Had come from the Father...
- **And I believe we also see that they knew Him to be God....**
  - John 6:67-69 <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."
- **How about You**
  - What do you know about Jesus... Do you see Him as having all things from the Father
  - Do you see Him as God....
  - His followers do...
- **More importantly...**
  - What are you doing with your belief...

- Is it just head knowledge that has been placed in your brain from years of hearing this...
- Or is it truth to you.... Is it how you live your life...
- Is it how you make your decisions

➤ **Do you live out this truth daily**

❖ **5) Jesus Has Given His Followers the Words of God**

- <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me,
- **We have already looked at this... But it comes up again here...**
  - Just not the grace that we have received to be given the words of God...
  - He has given them to us...
- **We did not pay for them...**
  - We did not seek them out...
  - They were given to us freely...
- **Jesus came and gave us the words of God...**
- **And this continues even until this day.... His followers are giving His words out to those who will hear**
- **How well do you give out what has been given to you...**
  - Do you give the words of God that you have been given
  - If not... why are you keeping them to yourself
- **We should mimic Christ in our Giving of His word...**

❖ **6) His Followers Receive, Know and Believe**

- **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.**
  - **Received them... His words**
    - Caught them... Grabbed hold of or seized them...
      - Just like center fielder goes after a fly ball...
    - <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
    - **1) Jesus Give us The Right to Become Children of God**
      - ◆ *Look at the second half of this verse first....*
      - **Some people will be given the right to be children of God**
        - ◆ For this to make sense...
        - ◆ And impact you this morning you must understand...
          - **A Foundational Premise – From our birth we are born with a fallen nature**
            - **Bible Describe us as:**
              - Brought forth in iniquity, and conceived in sin (Ps 51)
              - Enemies of God (Rom 5)
              - Sons of disobedience (Eph 2.2)
              - Dead in trespasses and sins (Eph 2.5)
              - Paul quoting the Pslams – No one is righteous, no one does good...
- **Know in truth that I came from you...**
  - Know... To understand or perceive...
  - It actually says they have COME to know...
  - I like this... I like how it shows a progression for the Follower of Jesus...

- They may not have know to begin with...
- But after being presented the truth... the facts... they come to know who Jesus is...

➤ **Believe that you sent me**

- Believe – trust
- They trust that Jesus has come from the Father...
- Remember what Jesus said to the crowd when they wanted to know what they could do to be doing the works of God
- **John 6:28-29** <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

➤ **His followers have these characteristics...**

- They receive
- They know
- They believe

❖ **7) Jesus Prays for His Followers**

- <sup>9</sup> **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.**

➤ **He does not Pray for the world...**

- What a powerful condemnation against those who are opposed to God...
- Against those who will not believe and will be at odds with God
- To those who will remain in rebellion against God
- **Through Unbelief...**
  - There are hundreds of ways to rebel and sin against God...
  - But unbelief is at the center of it all...
  - A person can be great in the eyes of those around them,
  - but the sin of unbelief will damn their soul to eternal torment in hell
- **Jesus is saying... I am praying for my followers that you have given me...**
  - I loved the world and came to die so that those in the world may live
  - And there will be many that will come out of the world
  - **1 Peter 2:9** “...called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
  - **Acts 26:18** “to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’
- **Yet He does not pray for those that remain in the world...**

➤ **He prays for his followers: This is so wonderful!**

- Ever lives to make intercession for us
  - **Hebrews 7:25** <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- **If God be for us who can be against us?**
- **Romans 8:31-39** <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was

raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### ❖ 8) His Followers Glorify Jesus

- and I am glorified in them.
- **Jesus is glorified in them because:**
  - They will make His name known to the nations...
  - They will declare the beauty of the Lord to the peoples of the world
- ***They Have Kept His Word***
- ***They know the source of Jesus is the Father***
- ***They have Received His Word***
- ***They have come to know he came from the Father***
- ***They believe He was sent by God***
- **Are You enhancing the Reputation of God...**
  - With how you live
  - At home with your kids
  - With your spouse
  - You family
  - Your friends you hang out with
  - Strangers or acquaintances
  - At your job or school

#### ❖ Invitation

- Lets get right with God today...
- Lets get serious and ask for His help today
- We can not do it without Him