

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

"The Power of Gospel Unity"

John 17:17-23 NKJ

[17] Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. [18] As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. [19] And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. [20] "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; [21] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. [22] And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [23] I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Main Points

1. Sanctified by the Truth God's Word transforms us because Christ has already set Himself apart for us. God sets His people apart through His Word, grounded in Christ's finished work.

2. Sent into the World Those who are set apart are sent out with the gospel message. We are not saved to withdraw—we are sent to proclaim Christ.

3. United for God's Glory Believers are united in Christ so the world may see and believe. Our unity in Christ is a visible testimony of the gospel to the world.

Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?

Inspiration (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?

Imitator of Christ (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?

My prayer this week:

Discussion Questions:

1. *What repeated themes or words stand out in verses 17–23 and what do they reveal about Jesus' priorities in His prayer?*

2. *What does it mean to be "sanctified by the truth", and how does God's Word actively set believers apart?*

3. *How does Jesus describe the unity of believers, and why is it modeled after the relationship between the Father and the Son?*

4. *How does the unity of believers impact the world's ability to believe in Christ, and what role do you personally play in that witness?*

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Psalm 119:9 NKJV How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

John 14:6 NKJV Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Ephesians 5:26-27 NKJV that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, [27] that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

John 3:17 NKJV For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Jesus was sent

John 20:21 NKJV So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

John 10:17-18 NKJV "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. [18] No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

John 17:17 NKJV Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Philippians 2:8 NKJV And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 10:10 NKJV By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

1 Peter 1:16 NKJV because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Acts 2:41 NKJV Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Ephesians 4:3-5 NKJV endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Matthew 5:16 NKJV Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 15:5 NKJV "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Romans 8:30 NKJV Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Ephesians 4:4-6 NKJV There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Galatians 2:20 NKJV I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

John 13:35 NKJV By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Ephesians 4:13 NKJV till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Romans 5:5 NKJV Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.