

Sermon Notes  
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John's Jesus 30: His Great  
Intercessory Prayer  
John 17

You see, we have the Cross, the empty tomb, the work and Person of the Holy Spirit, and the intercessory prayer of our Lord going for us! To be anything less than an overcoming believer is unthinkable! You make not "feel" like an overcomer, but in Christ you certainly are!

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should<sup>[a]</sup> give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,<sup>[b]</sup> that they may be one as *We are*. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world,<sup>[c]</sup> I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept;<sup>[d]</sup> and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will<sup>[e]</sup> believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father! The world

has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>26</sup> And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

**Footnotes:**

- a. [John 17:2](#) M-Text reads *shall*.
- b. [John 17:11](#) NU-Text and M-Text read *keep them through Your name which You have given Me*.
- c. [John 17:12](#) NU-Text omits *in the world*.
- d. [John 17:12](#) NU-Text reads *in Your name which You gave Me. And I guarded them; (or it)*.
- e. [John 17:20](#) NU-Text and M-Text omit *will*.

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This prayer is the most important prayer in the Bible. It gives us a view of the heart of Jesus for believers like no other. Believers who read, understand, and apply the principles found in this prayer will be overcomers. Let me explain:

I. The Circumstances of the Prayer

A. He preached first.

1. A lengthy sermon. (John 13-16)
2. A sermon not lacking anything.
3. A sermon that reassured, encouraged and equipped! (16:33)

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

B. Then He prayed.

1. Preaching to people and not praying for them is powerless.
2. Only God can change a person. Preaching alone may simply harden hearts.

II. The Context of the Prayer

### III. The Content of His Prayer

#### A. He first prayed for Himself.

#### B. He then prayed for His disciples (vs. 6-26)

1. His prayer for them was exclusive. (vs. 9)
  
2. He prayed they would be kept. (vs. 11b)
  
3. He prayed for their unity. (vs. 11c, 21-23)
  
4. He prayed for their joy. (vs. 13)
  
5. He prayed for their protection. (vs. 15)
  
6. He prayed for their sanctification: sent to serve! (vs. 17-18)
  
7. He prayed for ALL believers! (vs. 20)
  
8. He prayer for their glorification. (vs. 24-26)

Conclusion: The One Who coexisted with the Father; the One Who came into this world to be the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world; the One Who completed His mission and overcame the world is praying here for all believers to be overcomers with HIM! God always hears and answers the prayers of His Son. He is continuing to this day to make intercession at the right hand of His Father on behalf of His saints. So you see, we have the Cross, the empty tomb, the work and Person of the Holy Spirit, and the intercessory prayer of our Lord going for us! To be anything less than an overcoming believer is unthinkable! You make not “feel” like an overcomer, but in Christ you certainly are! Act like it.....