

The Lord's Prayer

(John 17:6-15)

Wednesday, September 29

1. John 17:1-5 He Prayed for Himself (But not selfishly)
- 2. John 17:6-19 He Prayed for His Disciples**
3. John 17:20-26 He Prayed for Us

1. For Whom Does Jesus Pray? (17:6-8)

A. From God's Side (17:6a) God takes the initiative.

- 1) *Jesus revealed God to the disciples (1:18)*
- 2) *God gave the disciples to Jesus*
 - a) God owned us by virtue of creation
 - b) God took us out of the "world" system organized against God
 - c) God gave us to Christ at salvation

B. From Man's Side (7b-8) "and they have kept (obeyed as in 14:15) your word."

2. How Does Jesus Pray for His Disciples? (17:9-10)

A. As Our Great High Priest whose prayers are always answered (11:41-42).

- 1) *The Old Testament High Priest had 12 stones on his breast plate*
- 2) *The Old Testament High Priest had 6 stones on each shoulder*

B. Our High Priest does not pray for the "world."

- 1) *Jesus once prayed for the lost (Luke 23:34)*
- 2) *The church now prays for the lost (1 Timothy 2:1-6)*

C. Our High Priest praying for His disciples results in Christ being glorified (17:10).

3. For What Does Jesus Pray? (17:11-19)

A. For Our Spiritual Protection (17:11-15)

- 1) *Who keeps us?* The Father who is holy can keep us holy in an unholy "world"
- 2) *Why does He keep us?* The Father and the Son are "one" and so are we "one"
- 3) *Did Jesus ever not keep a believer? (17:12). What about Judas?*
- 4) *How does God keep us? (17:13-15)*
 - a) With Jesus' joy (17:13). Not with our circumstances (Hebrews 12:2).
 - b) With God's Word (17:14).
 - c) With Jesus' prayers (17:15)