

New Testament Church
The Book of John #33 – John 17 – The Glory of the Cross
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
- C. The seven **signs** that indicate critical aspects of Deity of Christ in the book of John
 - 1. 1st – **water into wine** (Jn 2) – **New Life**; 2nd – **healing Nobleman’s son** (Jn 4)- **Faith in Word**
 - 2. 3rd – **healing cripple** (Jn 5) – **Undeserving Grace**; 4th – **feeding 5,000** (Jn 6) – **Bread of Life**
 - 3. 5th – **walking on water** (Jn 6) – **Transcendence**; 6th – **healing man born blind** (Jn 9) - **Sight**
 - 4. The **seventh SIGN** of raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11) – **Resurrection Life**
- D. The seven **I AM** statements by Jesus – declaring who He is...
 - 1-2. In John 6 and 8 - **I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World**
 - 3-4. In John 10 – **I am the Door** and **I am the Good Shepherd**
 - 5-6. In John 11 and 14 – **I am the Resurrection and Life; I am the Way, Truth and Life**
 - 7. John 15 – **I am the true Vine and my Father is the Husbandman**

II John 17 – The Glory of the Cross

- A. v. 1-5 – **The Glory of the Cross** – the prayer Jesus prayed before His disciples
 - 1. The hour is come – God has prepared all of our days – but it is not fatalism...
 - 2. Glorify thy Son so He can glorify the Father – the cross is His glory (leverage point)
 - 3. Those given to Christ by the Father are chosen by Him - “predestination”
 - 4. This is life eternal – the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent
 - 5. I have finished the work you gave me – glorifying the Father
 - 6. Now, Father, glorify me... which I had with thee before – the cross – the incarnation - eternal
- B. v. 6-19 – Jesus prays for His disciples - **the Process of the Cross**
 - 1. He manifested the name of God (I am that I am) to the Disciples – God’s nature
 - 2. We are owned by God, and have kept His Word (with His help), believing in Jesus as His Son
 - 3. Jesus prays for His disciples whose job will be to face an ungodly world in the Spirit
 - 4. The disciples are one with God as a Trinity – and thus are one with Father and Son *by the Spirit*
 - 5. Jesus has kept them (except Judas, foreordained to be lost) – but He can keep us!
 - 6. The Cross empowers the disciples to be in the world and not of it – four actions of the Spirit
 - a. Called out of the world, not “of” the world – separate
 - b. Cleansed from worldliness by the truth of God’s Word– sanctified
 - c. Kept from the evil one who manifests through evil actions - sustained
 - d. Sent into the world to overcome it – Kingdom of God birthed from believers (church)
 - 7. Galatians 6:14 – The Cross, *the world crucified unto me (separate and sanctified), and I unto the world (sustained and sent)* – the process of how the Kingdom comes on earth!
- C. v. 20-26 – Jesus prays for the global Church - **the Result of the Cross** - oneness of mission!
 - 1. We are first one in Spirit and then one in the faith – “ecumenical movement” – not one in either
 - 2. *The degree of oneness among believers in the Spirit (heart) and Faith (mind) will determine the manifestation of Christ that will cause many to believe!* (see 1st Cor. 1:10)
 - 3. The unity of Father, Son and Spirit is to be modeled by believers of different churches on earth!
 - 4. It is the *glory* given to Christ that brings unity – the weight and character of God Himself!
 - 5. The ultimate purpose of God is for the believer to be vindicated by the work of the Spirit, to “be where He is” – from the foundation of the world (His predestination and foresight)
 - 6. The world wants external forced union, but God will demonstrate internal voluntary unity!