

FOUR REQUESTS BY JESUS

John 17:1-26

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is man's sin-atoning sacrifice and substitute, by whom one's redemption has been accomplished. He is the great High Priest who makes intercession to God for those who have believed in Him, those who have been redeemed. He is the believer's mighty Savior, by whom God's grace is conveyed to the believer and by whom the believer shall be taken on into the glory of heaven. Jesus made four great requests of the Heavenly Father based upon His finished work.

I. TO BE GLORIFIED ONCE AGAIN

1. **v. 5**

2. Jesus prays that God the Father would uphold and sustain Him in what He was about to accomplish on the cross as a man and as mankind's mediator.
- God has given Jesus all authority, dominion and power over all mankind.
 - This authority is Jesus' by creation, decree, and by purchase.
 - Jesus holds the absolute power to save as many as believe in Him.
 - Eternal life is knowing almighty God IN Jesus Christ.
 - It is not some religious experience nor a moral religious reformation of one's conduct.
 - It is spiritual and is given to dead sinners by the Holy Spirit in regeneration.
 - It is not knowing that there is a God, but knowing God personally.
 - **John 14:6-9; 1 John 5:20**

3. **v. 4**

- No one but Jesus could ever make such a claim.
 - Jesus brought in righteousness, established and finished it.
 - The redemption was about to be accomplished and finished on the cross.
 - The kingdom he was about to finish would be to give eternal life to all those who believe in Him.

II. PRESERVE AND KEEP THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM

1. Believers are people to whom almighty God has been made known.

- **v 6**

2. Believers know that the man, Jesus of Nazareth, is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

- **v 7**

3. Believers are those who receive the Word of God and upon receiving the Word of God know who Jesus Christ is, the Sent One of God in whom is all their hope and salvation.

- **v 8**

4. Believers are sinners who from the creation were chosen by God and given to the Lord Jesus out of Grace as objects of His mercy, love and grace.

- **v 9**

5. Believers are those in whom the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified.

- **v 10**

- Jesus is glorified by the believer's faith and obedience in Him and by one day bringing them all to heaven to be with Him.

6. Believers are kept in life, grace and faith in Jesus Christ.

- **vv 11-12**

- Believers live in a hostile world, enemy territory but are kept by God's grace and power and are united as one body in the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Believers are those who shall have the Lord Jesus Christ's joy fulfilled in themselves.
- **v13**
 - There is the joy of God's grace.
 - There is the joy of His salvation.
8. Believers are the objects of the world's hatred because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **v 14**
9. Believers are left in the world to preach the gospel in the midst of much evil and under the assault of Satan, the evil one.
- **v 15**
 - Believers are not to fear for God will keep them from the evil one.
10. Believers are sinners who have been sanctified and set apart from the world by the Word and truth of God.
- **vv 16-17**
11. Believers are sent into the world as servants of God almighty, to do His will, glorify His name, and serve the interests of His Kingdom.
- **v 18**
12. Believers are sinners but God's elect who trust the Lord Jesus Christ and are the special objects of all the Lord Jesus came to do.
- **v 19**
 - By hearing and believing the gospel, the believer's sanctification is by:
 - God the Father (by election, *Jude 1*)
 - The Son (in redemption, *1 Corinthians 1:2; Hebrews 10:10*)
 - The Holy Spirit (in regeneration, *1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13*)

III. SAVE THOSE YET TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

1. **vv 20-23**
2. Jesus prayed for those yet to be saved.

IV. THOSE SAVED MAY BE WITH HIM IN HIS GLORY

1. **vv 24-26**

CONCLUSION:

1. ***Revelation 21:3-7***
2. Every request Jesus ever made of the Father was for the benefit of others.
3. In God's time every request Jesus ever made will be fully answered and those who have believed in Him will be all together with Him in the place He has prepared for them.
4. The believer's sorrow will be turned into joy and that joy shall be full.
5. Are YOU a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

