

WHAT DOES JESUS REALLY THINK OF YOU?
Seeing the Heart of Jesus in His Final Prayer

November 11–12, 2023 // Sermon Study Guide // Pastor Mondo Gonzales

Text: John 17:1–26

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read John 17. What was the context of this prayer by Jesus? What was the importance of the climax to the use by John and Jesus “the hour has come”? (esp. the word “hour” – 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1)

2. What were the four topics of the sections in which Jesus prayed? (vv 1, 9, 20, 24)

3. What are the themes of glory in each section? (vv 1–5, 10, 22, 24)

4. Explain the centrality of the Father in each section. (vv 1, 11, 21, 24–25)

5. Ponder and consider the significance of the language that believers are gifts from the Father to the Son. (vv 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 24; also John 6:37–39)

6. Read carefully and make notes of what Jesus says He did for the disciples to bring glory to the Father; or what did Jesus pray for? (vv 6–9, 11–12, 14, 15, 17–22)

7. How important was oneness or unity to Jesus in this prayer? (vv 11–12, 15, 21–23)

8. Discuss the theological importance for understanding the eternal nature of the Son from this prayer. (vv 5, 24; see also John 1:1–2; 8:58)

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. How should observing in the text that we are love gifts from the Father to the Son rooted in eternity past bring more humility, love, gratitude, and willingness to lose our life for His sake? (cf. Luke 9:23–25; Ephesians 1:4) “...*that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again...*” (2 Cor. 5:15b)
2. How does Jesus’ prayer for oneness and unity truly work in church life? How can we understand and “major on the majors and minor on the minors” in doctrinal issues while maintaining a loving attitude in the church with those we might disagree? (John 13:35; Romans 14)
3. Until the rapture, the church is to remain in the world and is protected from the evil one. How should we interact with the world since Jesus kept us here and sent us into the world to reach the lost? (John 17:8; 20:21; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15–17; 1 Corinthians 5:9–13)

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read** John 13–16 to get the full context for the prayer of Jesus in John 17.
2. **Reflect** each day on the personal heart of Jesus as found in John 17:1–26.
3. **Ask** yourself three questions every day:
 - Have I truly appreciated that I am a love gift from the Father to the Son?
 - Am I actively being sanctified by God’s truth by having a consistent time of reading God’s Word?
 - Am I eagerly seeking every day to be ready and watching for the Lord’s return when He comes for His church at the rapture?
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help him/her follow Jesus better in 2023.