



Jesus Prays For His Disciples and Us

A. The Father's Gift to the Son 17:6

See note (1) in sidebar!

1. **The Father gives:** *Joh 6:44* God, not people, plays the most active role in salvation. When someone chooses to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, he or she does so only in response to the urging of God's Holy Spirit. God does the urging; then we decide whether or not to believe.
2. **The Son gives:** "Manifests God's name..." *John 14:9* If you've seen me you've seen the Father.
3. **The Disciples keep:** The word 'kept' here means to guard, to observe and to obey. To keep His Word is to obey His Word. *John 14:15; 23-24;*

B. The Son's Gift to Us 17:7-8

Jesus gifts us with the Word of God...to receive fully this gift is to receive, know, and believe the truth of God's Word.

1. **We receive:** To receive something is the first step in owning something. *Luke 8:6; 13* In the parable of the 'Sower'—everyone 'received' the seed but not all received salvation or held on to salvation.
2. **We know:** The disciples had walked with Jesus for three years and knew the living Logos (the Word) *John 1:1*.
3. **We believe:** The disciples struggled with unbelief (*Matt 17:19-20*) but here Jesus tells His Father that they now 'believe' — have faith in who He (Jesus) really is.

C. The Son's Gift of Prayer 17:9-10

1. **Jesus does not pray for the world:** Oh how we wish that Jesus would pray for the world. At least for the world around us that is full of confusion and deception.
 - a. **Why does Jesus NOT pray for the world here?**
 - Jesus is praying as a High Priest as the One who represented believers before the throne of God. There His prayer can only be for His own.
 - He did pray for the world at other times. On the cross, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they do." *Luke 23:24*
2. **Jesus does pray for us:** Jesus prays for us because we are His and His Fathers. According to *John 14:15-24* the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit ALL live in us—dwell (tabernacle) with us.

"But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." *Heb 7:24-24*

John 17:6-10 (NKJV)

:6 "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.**

:7 Now **they** have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

:8 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.

:9 "I pray for **them**. I do not pray for the world but for **those** whom You have given Me, for **they** are Yours.

:10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

(1) The Father's Gift of the Elect

Those whom God foreknew (*Rom 8:29; 1 Peter 1:1*) He elected in Christ (*Eph 1:4*) and predestined them "to be conformed to the likeness of his Son" (*Rom 8:29*) and "for the praise of his glory" (*Eph 1:11-12*). In keeping with His sovereign and loving purpose expressed in His "not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (*2 Peter 3:9*), He calls people to Himself. The very word "call" implies a response, and if we respond to it we become God's elect.