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The Ultimate LOVE STORY

John 13-17

“The Final hours before the Cross”

STUDY NUMBER ONE – LOVE SERVING – JOHN 13:1-17

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v. 1 Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the uttermost (eternally).

v. 2 And supper being in progress, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

v. 3 Jesus, knowing that all things the Father gave into His hands, and that from God He had come forth and was going back to God,

v. 4 He is rising from supper and is laying aside His outer garments; and having taken a towel, He tied it around himself.

v. 5 Then He is pouring water into the basin, and began to be washing the feet of the disciples and to be wiping then off with the towel which He had tied around himself.

v. 6 So He is coming to Simon Peter. He is saying to Him: “Lord! Are you washing my feet?”

v. 7 Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you are not understanding now, but you shall learn by experience after these things.”

v. 8 Peter is saying to him: “You shall by no means wash my feet in the ages (no, never).” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you are not having a part with me.”

v. 9 Simon Peter is saying to Him, “Lord! Not my feet only but also my hands and my head.”

v.10 Jesus is saying to him: “He who has been bathed is not having need except to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

v.11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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v.12 Then when He had washed their feet and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them: "Are you knowing what I have done to you?"

v.13 You are calling me Teacher and Lord; and you are speaking rightly; for so I am.

v.14 Since therefore I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to be washing one another's feet.

v.15 For I gave to you an example in order that just as I did to you, you also should be doing.

v.16 Truly, truly I am saying to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

v.17 Since you are knowing these things, you are blessed if you are doing them.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 13:1-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Explain the phrase "His hour had come" in verse 1.

3. Explain Simon Peter's response to the foot washing in verses 6-10.

4. What does Jesus mean by the phrase "you are clean but not all of you" in verse 10?

5. What is the answer to Jesus' question in verse 12, "Are you knowing what I have done to you?"

6. What does Jesus mean when He says, "You also ought to be washing one another's feet" in verse 14?

7. What is the meaning of verse 16?

8. It is not just enough to know, according to verse 17. What else is involved?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Christ's love for us is unconditional and lasts forever.

LESSON #2: Guard your heart, for the devil likes to plant seeds there.

LESSON #3: Peter's pride provides a spirit of resistance against the Lord.

LESSON #4: We may not understand what He is doing in our lives at this moment, but we will understand.

LESSON #5: There is the one bath of salvation, but the daily cleansings of the feet.

LESSON #6: We are to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters by forgiving their faults and bearing their burdens.

LESSON #7: Happiness is the result of being obedient to His Word.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – LOVE HURT – JOHN 13:18-35**NOTES**

v.18 I am not speaking concerning all of you. I am knowing the ones I selected; but in order that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who is eating my bread lifted up his heel against me.'

v.19 From now on I am telling you before it is coming to pass, in order that you might be believing whenever it comes to pass, that I am He.

v.20 Truly, truly I am saying to you, the one who is receiving whomever I shall send is receiving me, and the one who is receiving me is receiving Him who sent me."

v.21 Having said these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, and said: "Truly, truly, I am saying to you that one of you will betray me."

v.22 The disciples began looking at one another, being at a loss concerning whom He was speaking.

v.23 There was one of His disciples reclining on the chest of Jesus, whom Jesus loved.

v.24 Therefore Simon Peter is nodding to this one and is saying to him: "Tell us who it is concerning whom He is speaking."

v.25 That one having leaned thus on the chest of Jesus is saying to Him: "Lord! who is it?"

v.26 Jesus, therefore, is answering: "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel, and give it to him." Then, having dipped the morsel, He is taking it and is giving it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

v.27 And after the morsel, then Satan entered into him. Jesus, therefore, is saying to him, "What you are doing, do quickly."

v.28 Now, no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

v.29 For some were thinking, because Judas had the money-box, that Jesus was saying to him: "Buy the things we are having need of for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

v.30 And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

v.31 When, therefore, he had gone out, Jesus is saying: "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

v.32 Since God is glorified in Him, God also will glorify Him in himself and will glorify Him immediately.

v.33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you are not able to come,' now I am saying to you also.

v.34 A new commandment I am giving to you, that you should be continually loving one another, even as I loved you, that you also be loving one another.

v.35 In this way all will know that you are my disciples, if you are having love for one another."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 13:18-35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Jesus tell the disciples He is going to do for them, according to verse 19?

3. What sad announcement does Jesus make in verse 21?

4. How does Jesus point out who it is, according to verse 26?

5. What is Jesus' response to Judas's departure, according to verse 31?

6. What is the announcement made in verse 33?

7. State the commandment of verse 34.

8. What will be the result of obedience to this commandment, according to verse 35?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Judas teaches us that it is possible to be with Christ and not in Christ, to have religion without a relationship, and to have association without acceptance.

LESSON #2: Satan was ready to enter into Judas at the exact time.

LESSON #3: Agape love will be demonstrated in: service, sacrifice, and sharing.

LESSON #4: The mark of His followers is to be His love.

LESSON #5: The Spirit of God is the only one who can produce this kind of love in us.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – LOVE COMMUNICATING – JOHN 13:36-14:31

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v.36 Simon Peter is saying to Him: “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going you are not able to follow me now; but you shall follow later.”

v.37 Peter is saying to Him, “Lord, why am I not able to follow you right now? My life on your behalf I will lay down.”

v.38 Jesus answers: “Your life on behalf of me you will lay down? Truly, truly I am saying to you, A rooster shall positively not crow, until you deny me three times.

14:v. 1 Stop being troubled in your heart; be putting your trust in God. Also be putting your trust in Me.

v. 2 In the house of my Father there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going to prepare a place for you.

v. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; in order that where I am, you may be also.

v. 4 And where I am going you are knowing the way.”

v. 5 Thomas is saying to Him: “Lord, we are not knowing where you are going; how are we knowing the way?”

v. 6 Jesus is saying to him: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one is coming to the Father, except through Me.

v. 7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you are knowing Him, and have seen Him.”

v. 8 Philip is saying to Him: "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

v. 9 Jesus is saying to him: "Such a long time I am with you and you have not come to know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how is it that you are saying, 'Show us the Father'?"

v.10 Are you not believing that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am saying to you, I am not speaking from myself, but the Father who is abiding in me, He is doing His works.

v.11 Be believing me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me. But if not, because of the works themselves be believing.

v.12 Truly, truly I am saying to you, the one who is believing in me, the works which I am doing, that one shall do also; and greater than these shall he do; because I am going to the Father.

v.13 And whatever you may ask in my name, this I will do, in order that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

v.14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

v.15 If you are loving me, you will keep my commandments.

v.16 And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, in order that He may be with you forever;

v.17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world is not able to receive, because it is not beholding Him or knowing Him, but you are knowing Him, because He is abiding with you and shall be in you.

v.18 I shall not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

v.19 Yet a little while, and the world no longer is seeing me; but you are seeing me; because I am living, also you shall live.

v.20 In that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

v.21 The one who is having my commandments, and is keeping them; that is the one who is loving me. And the one who is loving me shall be loved by my Father, and I shall love him, and I shall reveal myself to him."

v.22 Judas is saying to Him (not Iscariot): "Lord, what then has come to pass that you are about to be revealing yourself to us, and not to the world?"

v.23 Jesus answered and said to him: "If anyone is loving me, he will keep my word; and my father will love him, and We shall come to him and We shall make our abode with him.

v.24 The one who is not loving me is not keeping my words; and the word which you are hearing is not mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

v.25 These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you.

v.26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, that One will teach you all things, and recall to your mind all that I said to you.

v.27 Peace I am leaving with you; my peace I am giving to you; not as the world gives, am I giving to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

v.28 You heard that I said to you, 'I am going, and I am coming to you.' If you were loving me, you would have rejoiced, that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.

v.29 And now I have told you before it comes to pass, in order that when it comes to pass, you may believe.

v.30 I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he is having nothing in Me.

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v.31 But in order that the world may come to know that I am loving the Father, and even as the Father commanded me, even so I am doing. Arise, let us be going from here.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 13:36-14:31 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Jesus respond to Peter's commitment of a willingness to lay down his life, according to verse 38?

3. Summarize Jesus' promises in 14:1-3.

4. What is Jesus' response to Thomas' question, according to verse 6?

5. How does Jesus respond to Philip's question, according to verse 9?

6. What does Jesus promise in verses 12-14?

7. How does Jesus respond to Judas's question, according to verse 23?

8. What is the Spirit of God going to do, according to verse 26?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Communication flows freely when love is present.

LESSON #2: Pride oftentimes blinds us to our vulnerability.

LESSON #3: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us and He is coming again.

LESSON #4: Love keeps its promises.

LESSON #5: Without Christ, there is no way, no truth, and no life.

LESSON #6: Christ and the Father are One.

LESSON #7: The expression of our love for Christ is our obedience to His Word.

LESSON #8: The Helper, the Holy Spirit, will come to teach us and to call to remembrance the words of Christ.

LESSON #9: Peace will result on the vertical and horizontal levels as a result of Christ coming into our lives.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – LOVE IN UNION – JOHN 15:1-16**NOTES**

v. 1 “I am the genuine vine, and my Father is the tiller of the soil.

v. 2 Every branch in me not bearing fruit, He is taking away (lifting up); and every branch bearing fruit, He is cleansing (pruning) it, in order that it may keep on bearing more fruit.

v. 3 You already are clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

v. 4 Be abiding in me, and I in you. Just as the branch is not able to be bearing fruit from itself, unless it keeps on abiding in the vine, so neither can you, unless you keep on abiding in me.

v. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who is abiding in me, and I in him, this one is bearing much fruit; because apart from me you are not able to be doing anything.

v. 6 If anyone is not abiding in me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they are gathering them, and they are throwing them into the fire, and they are burned.

v. 7 If you are abiding in me and my words are abiding in you, ask whatever you are desiring, and it will become yours.

v. 8 In this my Father is glorified, that you are bearing much fruit. So shall you become my disciples.

v. 9 Just as the Father loved me, I also loved you; abide in my love.

v.10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept the commandments of my Father, and I am abiding in His love.

v.11 These things I have spoken to you, in order that the joy which is mine may be in you, and your joy may be made full.

v.12 This is my commandment, that you keep on loving one another, just as I loved you.

v.13 Greater love than this no one is having, that anyone lay down his life on behalf of his friends.

v.14 You are my friends, if you keep on doing what I am commanding you.

v.15 No longer am I calling you slaves; because the slave is not knowing what his master is doing; but you I have called friends, because all things which I heard from my Father I made known to you.

v.16 You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, in order that you might keep on going and keep on bearing fruit, and that your fruit might keep on remaining, in order that whatever you might ask the Father in my name, He may give to you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 15:1-16 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the Father's relationship to the vine, according to verse 1?

3. What is done to the branches that are bearing fruit and the branches that are not bearing fruit, according to verse 2?

4. What are we commanded to do, according to verse 4?

5. What happens to the branch that is not abiding, according to verse 6?

6. How is the Father glorified, according to verse 8?

7. What is the purpose for speaking these things, according to verse 11?

8. What is the Father's purpose in choosing us according to verse 16?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the Father's function to create a climate for maximum productivity.

LESSON #2: The Father’s hand is never closer to His child than when He’s pruning him.

LESSON #3: The branch has one purpose and that is to bear fruit.

LESSON #4: The Father is glorified when we are bearing much fruit.

LESSON #5: Love, joy, and obedience are evidences of the abiding life.

LESSON #6: Christ’s joy is independent of external circumstances.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – LOVE IN CONFLICT – JOHN 15:17-25

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v.17 “This I am commanding you, that you should be loving one another.
v.18 If the world is hating you, you are knowing that it has hated me before it hated you.
v.19 If you were of the world, the world would be loving its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, on this account the world is hating you.
v.20 Be remembering the word which I spoke to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.
v.21 But all these things they will do to you for my name’s sake, because they are not knowing the One who sent me.
v.22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin. But now they are not having an excuse for their sin.
v.23 He who is hating me, is hating my Father also.
v.24 If I did not do the works among them, which no other one did, they would not have sin. But now they have both seen and hated me and my Father as well.
v.25 But in order that the word which in their Law stands written might be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without reason.’



QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 15:17-25 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the command in verse 17?

3. What is the response of the world to us, according to verse 18?

4. Why is the world hating us, according to verse 19?

5. Why is the world doing all these things, according to verse 21?

6. What is the result of Jesus' message, according to verse 22?

7. What is the sad result of hating Christ, according to verse 23?

8. What word does Christ cite from their Law in verse 25?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: This is the third time that Christ commands them to be loving one another.

LESSON #2: The world's response to agape love is hatred.

LESSON #3: The world always loves that which conforms to it.

LESSON #4: The world has resisted His Words and His works.

LESSON #5: The world is having no excuse for its sin.

LESSON #6: There are no reasons for their hatred of Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – LOVE MEETING NEEDS – JOHN 15:26-16:15 NOTES

v.26 “When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who is proceeding from the Father, that One will bear witness concerning me.

v.27 And you also are bearing witness, because you are with me from the beginning.

16:v. 1 These things I have spoken to you, in order that you may not be made to stumble.

v. 2 They will make you outcasts from the synagogue; in fact an hour is coming that everyone who kills you to think that he is offering a sacred service to God.

v. 3 And these things they will do because they did not come to know the Father or me.

v. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, in order that whenever their hour comes, you might recall them to mind, that I told you. And these things to you from the beginning I did not tell, because I was with you.

v. 5 But now I am going away to Him who sent me; and not one of you is asking me, ‘Where are you going?’

v. 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

v. 7 But I am telling you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

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v. 8 And having come, that One will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment;
v. 9 concerning sin, because they are not believing in me;
v.10 and concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you are no longer seeing me;
v.11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
v.12 I am having yet many things to be saying to you, but you are not able to be bearing them now.
v.13 But whenever that One comes, the Spirit of truth, He will lead you into all the truth; for He will not speak from himself as a source, but He is hearing, He will speak; and the things that are coming He will make known to you.
v.14 That one shall glorify me; because He shall take of mine, and make it known to you.
v.15 All things as many as the Father is having are mine. On this account I said, that He is taking of mine, and shall make it known to you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 15:26-16:15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is one of the functions of the Holy Spirit, according to verse 26?

3. What purpose does Jesus have in speaking these things, according to verse 1?

4. Why all the persecution of Christ's followers, according to verse 3?

5. What is the advantage stated in verse 7 for Christ's departure?

6. Describe the job description of the Spirit, according to verse 8.

7. What will the Spirit of God do for them, according to verse 13?

8. How shall the Spirit of God glorify the Son of God, according to verse 14?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Love, even in the final hours, is still meeting needs.

LESSON #2: Persecution is predicted for those who will live godly lives.

LESSON #3: The Spirit of God will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

LESSON #4: Judgment is certain because Satan has already been judged.

LESSON #5: The Spirit of God will lead into truth and glorify Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – LOVE IN SEPARATION – JOHN 16:16-33**NOTES**

v.16 “A little while, and no longer are you beholding me; and again a little while, and you will see me.”

v.17 Therefore, some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this thing He is saying to us, ‘A little while and no longer are you beholding me; and again a little while and you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?”

v.18 Therefore, they were saying: “What is this that He is saying, ‘A little while’? We are not knowing what He is saying.”

v.19 Jesus knew that they were desiring to be asking Him, and He said to them: “Concerning this are you deliberating with one another that I said, ‘A little while, and no longer are you beholding me; and again a little while and you will see Me’?”

v.20 Truly, truly, I am saying to you, that you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall become joy.

v.21 Whenever a woman is about to give birth, she is having sorrow, because her hour has come; but whenever she bears the child, no longer is she remembering her anguish, because of her joy that a man has been born into the world.

v.22 And therefore you, too, now are having sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one is taking away from you.

v.23 And in that day you shall ask me no question. Truly, truly I am saying to you, whatever you shall ask of the Father, He will give it to you in my name.

v.24 Up till now you requested not even one thing in my name; be constantly making request, and you shall receive, in order that your joy may be made full.

v.25 These things I have spoken to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming, when I will speak no longer to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you plainly concerning the Father.

v.26 In that day you will ask in my name; and I am not saying to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;

v.27 for the Father himself is loving you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

v.28 I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; again I am leaving the world, and I am going to the Father.”

v.29 His disciples are saying to him: “Behold, now you are speaking in plainness of words, and are not using a figure of speech.

v.30 Now we are knowing that you know all things and that you are not having need that anyone be questioning you. By this we are believing that you came from God.”

v.31 Jesus answered them: “Are you just now believing?”

v.32 Behold, an hour is coming and has already come, that you shall be scattered each to his own home, and me you will leave alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

v.33 These things I have spoken to you, in order that in me you may be having peace; in the world you are having tribulation, but be having courage; I have conquered the world.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 16:16-33 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Jesus mean by His announcement in verse 16?

3. Explain the response of the disciples and of the world, according to verse 20.

4. What illustration does Jesus use, according to verse 21?

5. What promise is given to us in verses 23 and 24?

6. What is the Father's attitude toward them, according to verse 27?

7. What is the disciples' response to Jesus' plainness of words, according to verse 30?

8. Why has Jesus spoken these words, according to verse 33?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord is always aware of our heart’s desire.

LESSON #2: Our sorrow is going to be turned to joy.

LESSON #3: Our joy is going to be eternal.

LESSON #4: There will be no need for questions because all will be made plain.

LESSON #5: Consider well the question of our Lord, “Are you just now believing?”

LESSON #6: We are never alone, because the Father is always with us.

LESSON #7: We can have peace in the storm because the Lord is in control.

LESSON #8: Christ has secured the victory over the world by His death on the cross.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – LOVE ON ITS KNEES – JOHN 17:1-26

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v. 1 These things Jesus spoke; and having lifted up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, in order that the Son may glorify you,
v. 2 even as you gave to Him authority over all flesh, in order that all that you have given Him, He should give to them life eternal.
v. 3 And this is eternal life, in order that they should keep on knowing you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent.
v. 4 I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work which you have given me to do.
v. 5 And now glorify me, Father, together with yourself, with the glory which I was having with you before the world came to be.

v. 6 I made known your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; they were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

v. 7 Now they have come to know that all things, as many as you have given to me, are from you.

v. 8 Because the words which you gave me, I have given them; and they received them, and recognized truly that I came forth from you, and they believed that you sent me.

v. 9 I am making request concerning them; I am not making request concerning the world, but concerning those whom you have given me; because they are yours.

v.10 And all things that are mine are yours, and the things that are yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

v.11 And I am no longer in the world, but they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to you. O Holy Father, maintain a watchful care over them in your name, those whom you have given me, in order that they may be one even as we.

v.12 When I was with them, I constantly maintained a watchful care over them in your name, those whom you have given me; and I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the son of perdition, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

v.13 But now I am coming to you; and these things I am speaking in the world, in order that they may keep on having my joy made full in themselves.

v.14 I have given them your word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

v.15 I am not asking that you should take them out of the world, but that you should guard them safely from the evil one.

v.16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

v.17 Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth.

v.18 Even as you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world.

v.19 And on behalf of them I am setting myself apart, in order that they themselves also, having been set apart for God in truth, may continually be in that state of consecration.

v.20 But not concerning these only am I making request, but also concerning those who are believing in me through their word;

v.21 in that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me and I in you, in order that they also may be in us; in order that the world may be believing that you sent me.

v.22 And the glory which you have given to me, I have given to them; in order that they may be one, even as we are one.

v.23 I in them, and you in me, in order that they might attain perfect unity, in order that the world may keep on knowing that you sent me, and that you loved them, even as you loved me.

v.24 Father, that which you have given me, I am desiring that where I am, also those might be with me, in order that they may keep on beholding my glory, which you have given me; because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

v.25 O righteous Father, though the world did not know you, yet I knew you; and these knew that you sent me.

v.26 And I made known to them your name, and will make it known, in order that the love with which you loved me might be in them, and I might be in them.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 17:1-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does the Lord Jesus open His prayer in verse 1?

3. What is the definition of eternal life given in verse 3?

4. How has Jesus glorified the Father on the earth, according to verse 4?

5. What does Jesus ask the Father to do, according to verse 11?

6. What does Jesus request for His disciples in verse 15?

7. What does Jesus ask the Father to do in verse 17?

8. Why does Jesus want His followers with Him, according to verse 24?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The glory of the Son resides in the full accomplishment of His task upon the earth.

LESSON #2: The Father's eye is ever upon us to protect and to provide.

LESSON #3: It is the desire of the Lord Jesus that our joy would be made full.

LESSON #4: It is the concern of the Lord that they be guarded from the onslaughts of the evil one.

LESSON #5: The Word of truth is the instrument God uses to produce holy lives.

LESSON #6: He prays that the love with which the Father loves the Son might also be in us.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
