

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 05/19/2019

John 17:1-5 – “Salvation Is Deeper Than We Thought” by Drew Hunter

Overview

This is the first in a series of four sermons on John 17, which contains the prayer of Jesus. In this chapter, the disciples overhear God the Son praying to God the Father on his way to the garden of Gethsemane the night before he would die.

This passage focuses on three repeated words that help us see how God and the gospel are greater than we thought:

- I. Glory: More Radiant Than We Thought
- II. Life: Eternal Life Is Deeper Than We Thought
- III. Gift: His Gift Is More Free Than We Thought

Quotations

JC Ryle—an English pastor from the 1800s said, “The chapter we have now begun is the most remarkable in the Bible. It stands alone, and there is nothing like it” (Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of John).

“...if the upper room... is a kind of temple of the Bible, then John 17 is the holy of holies” (John Stott, sermon, John 17:1-5).

Understanding & Application

- 1) Drew mentioned that this prayer helps teach us the heart of Jesus and that, if we were able to print out the content of all of our prayers, we would be able to see what really matters to us. Reflect on how the content of your prayers might highlight different priorities than those of your heavenly Father. In what ways might he be calling you to think, and pray, more like Jesus?
- 2) A point was made in the sermon that our most enjoyable moments in life are most deeply wrapped around relationship. If we feel great joy in connecting with other people, how much more joyful is connecting with our creator and knowing Him? How does this impact your view of heaven?
- 3) At first, it may seem like a selfish request when Jesus asks to be glorified in verse 1. As you read on, in the context of the Trinity, how can this be seen as an others-oriented request?
- 4) Going back to John 12:23-24, we see that Christ is not just glorified after the cross and in his resurrection, but in the cross itself. In what ways do we see his glory displayed on the cross?
- 5) In verse 2, along with John 6:27 and other verses, we see those that come to Jesus as being a gift from the Father. The Father set his heart in love on certain people and has chosen to be merciful to them, sent his son to receive them, give them the gift of eternal life, and keep them forever. Have you thought of your salvation in this context before? What does this mean to you?
- 6) Drew encouraged us to do three things with this prayer each day for the next three weeks. Read through it slowly, meditate on it, and then respond to it in prayer. Consider making a note or reminder to do this and then share what the Lord teaches you as encouragement to another brother or sister in Christ.