

The Three sections of John 17

1. Jesus' prayer for his own self (verses 1-5);

After saying all these things, Jesus raised his eyes toward heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he may glorify you. Since you have given him authority over all flesh, so that he may give ageless life to everyone you have given to him. Now this is eternal life— to know you, the only real God, and the one you sent: Jesus the Messiah. I have completed the work you gave me to do and have glorified you. Now, Father, glorify me with the glory we shared before the creation of the cosmos.

2. Jesus' prayer for the apostles/ the witnesses (verses 6-19);

I you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything I have is of you, for I have given to them the Word you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

"My prayer is not for the world, but for these you have given to me, for they belong to you. All that is mine belongs to you, but you have given them to me, so they may be glorified. Now I am leaving the world; they remain in this world, but I am returning to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I shepherded them so that not one was lost, except the that Son of Perdition, as the Scriptures foretold. Now I am coming to you. I told them these things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. I have given them your Word. The world hates them for they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from evil. They are not of this age any more than I am. Make them holy in truth; your Word is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. I sanctify myself so they may be holy in truth.

3. Jesus' prayer for all believers of all time (verses 20-26).

I am praying not only for these, but also for all who will ever believe in me through their word. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one— as you are in me, Father, and I am in you - may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."