**JOHN 17:5-6**

**11-6-19**

**Introduction –**

**Tonight, As We Journey Back Into This Marvelous Prayer Of Christ, We Will Find Completely New Themes, From Those We Have Seen Earlier.**

**We Will Also Revisit A Recurring Theme In This Prayer, And Throughout The New Testament.**

**1. V. 5 – Now Jesus Petitions The Father, In Language And Terms, Which Are Mysterious. What Does He Request Of The Father In Verse 5?**

**2. While On Earth, Jesus’ Glory Was Manifest, Yet, It Was *Veiled* – It Was *Subdued* – It Was *Restrained*.**

**(Slide 2)**

Now, Christ Is Praying That The Father Return To Him, His Full Measure Of Glory – That Which Was His Eternal, Divine Glory, *Before The Foundation Of The World* – A Glory Equal To The Fathers!

**3. When Will Jesus Receive This Glory, Of Which He Requested? (*At His Ascension*)**

**4. *Something Interesting Has Transpired In This Prayer, Up To This Point.***

**Jesus First Prays That The Father Give Him *Earthly* Glory *(V. 1)***

**Now, Jesus Prays That The Father Give Him *Heavenly* Glory *(V. 5)***

**5. This Is A Great Reminder That God Glorifies His Children, *Here On Earth* (*Service* – *Sanctification* – *Honor Among The Brethren*)**

**Yet, There Is A Glory That Remains.**

**A Heavenly Glory Is Yet, Reserved For God’s Children!**

**(Slide 3)**

I John 3:2 (*Read*)

“The Glorious Nature Of That Conformity Defies Description, But As Much As Glorified Humanity Can Be Like Incarnate Deity, Believers Will Be…”

* John Mcarthur

**6. We Now Return To A Theme, Around Which We Had A Very Lively Discussion In Verse 2.**

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Warning

How We Interpret Verse 6, Like Verse 2, And As We Will See In Verse 12 – And Many Other Verses In The New Testament, Will Determine How We View Almost Everything Else Concerning Christian Doctrine!

**(Slide 5)**

The Nature Of Salvation

The Nature Of Grace

The Nature Of Christ’ Atoning Work

The Nature Of Humanity

The Security Of The Believer

**7. As Jesus Opens Verse 6, He Makes An Incredible Statement, With Far-Reaching Implications. What Is It?**

**8. V. 6b – Before We Go Full Steam Ahead Into Interpreting And Discussing What We Have Read, What Does Jesus State Next?**

**9. The Question Must Be Asked, When, In Time, Did The Disciples Belong To The Father, Before He Gave Them To The Son? (*Ephesians 1:4*)**

**10. These Two Statements Seem To Say, Out Of The World Of People, The Father Selected These 11 – Prior To The Beginning Of Time, And Sovereignly Gave Them As A Gift To The Son.**

**11. What Do *You* Think This Statements Mean? (*Discuss As It Pertains To Implication List*)**

**(Slide 6)**

Salvation: How Much Is Of Man – How Much Is Of God?

Grace: Is Grace Only Available To The Elect, Or To Everyone?

**(Slide 7)**

Christ’ Atonement: Is His Death Directed Toward Every Single Human Being, Or Specifically For Those Who Are The Elect?

**(Slide 8)**

Humanity: Does Mankind Have The Ability To Contribute To Their Salvation?

Security: Does Mankind Contribute To Their Perseverance?

**12. V. 6c – Who Can Tell The Class The Next Statement Jesus Makes? (He Again States That The Disciples Were *Given* To Him)**

**13. Thus Far, Whatever Your Interpretation Of The Sayings Of Christ In Verse 6, We Would All Agree That They Have Been Amazing Words.**

***Yet, Jesus Is Not Finished Blowing Our Mind!***

**14. V. 6d – How Does Jesus Conclude Verse 6? What Does This Mean? (Slide 9)**

“Kept” (Tay-Reh'-O)

To Guard - To Prevent From Escaping – To Build A Fortress Around.

**15. Of Whom Is Jesus Speaking When He Says, They Have “Kept His Word”?**

**16. What Do You Know About The Nature And Personality Of These 11 Men Of Whom Is Jesus Speaking When He Says, They Have “Kept His Word”?**

**17. (Slide 10)**

Their Fellow-Jews Rejected Christ, Yet, They Believed!

**18. The Book Of John Takes Us (Whether We Like It Or Not) Into The Realm Of Deep Theology. But Remember: *All Christians Are Theologians!***

**(Slide 11)**

Embedded Theology

That Understanding Of Faith, Transmitted To Us By Our Church Experiences And Traditions, Family, Culture, Etc**.**

**19. However, The *Deeper Life* Calls For Something More.**

**(Slide 12)**

Deliberative Theology

That Understanding Of Faith, Which Develops Out Of The Process Of Reflecting On Scripture, And Comparing Them To Our Embedded Theological Convictions.