**JOHN 17:13-15**

**12-11-19**

**Introduction – Just In Case You Were Not Aware, We Have Less Than 14 Days Until Christmas.**

**We Were Powerfully Reminded This Past Sunday Evening, With Our Amazing Cantata.**

**We Were Reminded Of The Real Reason We Celebrate Christmas.**

**It Is Not For All The Commercialized Reasons Presented By The World, Rather, Because The Savior Came Into The World.**

**Tonight, We Will Find That Our Lesson Is Likewise, Full Of Those Hints And Traces Of The *True* Christmas Story.**

**1. V. 13a - Tonight’s Portion Of Jesus’ Prayer, Begins Like This:**

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John 17:13
“And Now Come I To Thee; And These Things I Speak In The World...”

**2. I Believe, As With Everything Christ Says, Great Significance Is In These Words – Even As We Think About The Christmas Story.**

**As We Begin Verse 13, Where Has He Declared That His Ministry Took Place?**

**3. Let’s Make A Quick List Of All The Things Jesus Did, Said, And Taught, While He Was In The World. Who Would Like To Begin?**

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The Revealing Of The Gospel

The Demonstration Of His Power

The Oneness Of He And The Father

The Work Of Redemption

The Giving Of Salvation And Eternal Life

*And The List Goes On And On…*

**4. None Of These Things Could Have Come To Pass, Had Jesus Not Come Into The World!**

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Romans 8:3 (Nlt)
The Law Of Moses Was Unable To Save Us Because Of The Weakness Of Our Sinful Nature. So God Did What The Law Could Not Do. He Sent His Own Son In A Body Like The Bodies We Sinners Have. And In That Body God Declared An End To Sin's Control Over Us By Giving His Son As A Sacrifice For Our Sins.

**5. V. 13b – Again, We Remind Ourselves That In This Section Of John, Jesus Is Praying Specifically For The Disciples. What Does He Express To The Father As His Desire For Them? (*That His Joy Would Be In Them*)**

**6. What Is Joy? (*Cheerfulness, Calm Delight, Sense Of Optimism/Encouragement*)**

**7. Biblically Speaking, What Is The Difference Between Joy And Happiness?**

**8. What Is The Emotional State Of The Disciples At This Moment? (*Grief, Despondency, Fear, Anxiety*)**

**9. How Will It Be Possible For Them To Move From Where They Are To Being Filled With The Joy Of The Lord? (*Only By The Indwelling Power Of The Holy Spirit. Their Worldly Circumstances Will Never Bring Them Joy!*)**

**10. How Does This Apply To You And Me?**

**11. V. 14a – Jesus Further Declares That He Has Relayed To The Disciples All The “Word” The Father Desired. Yet, He Does Not Mention The Effect The “Word” Had On The Disciples.**

**Instead, What Does Jesus Give As The Result Of The Disciples Having Received God’s Word?**

**12. If You Took A Survey Of The Enemies Of The Disciples In Jerusalem That Night, What Do You Think Would Have Been Some Of The Reasons They Offered As To Why They Had Disdain For The Disciples?**

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**They Followed The Teachings Of A “False Teacher” And A “Blasphemer.”**

**They Were Uneducated, Unsophisticated, Galileans.**

**They Approved Of Things That Were Contrary To Jewish Tradition.**

**Their Activities Could Stir The Wrath Of Rome.**

**13. What Is The Real, Perhaps Sub-conscience, Reason The Disciples Were Hated?**

**14. This Text Reminds Us That Jesus Is Not *Of The World*, And We Are Not *Of The World*. We Are *Heavenly-Minded*, And Therefore, Contrary To Those With A *Worldly Mind*.**

**Make No Mistake – Christianity And Christians Are Hated By The World For One Reason. We Have Received And Believe The Word Of God! (*This Same John: Revelation 1:9*)**

**15. (Slide 6 – *Bear Photo*)**

**If You Are In The Woods, And You Happen Upon A Bear, What Is The Most Natural First Response? (*To Run – To Escape – To Remove Yourself From The Danger*)**

**16. V. 15a – Nonetheless, What Does Jesus Pray That God Will Do Concerning The Disciples?**

**17. My First Instinct – Your First Instinct – When Presented With Challenges, Trials, Suffering, Hard Things And Hard People Is To Do What?**

**(Slide 7 – *Running Photo*)**

**18. Think About This For A Moment:**

**There May Be Times When You And I Are Praying For God To Remove Us From The Trial; And At The Same Time, What Is Christ’ Prayer?**

**19. Whose Prayer Do You Think Will Prevail?**

**20. V. 15b – But, *Praise The Lord,* That’s Not The Totality Of Christ’ Prayer. What Else Does He Pray?**

**21. What Does Jesus Mean When He Says,**

**(Slide 8)**

“Keep Them From The Evil”

**22. (Slide 9)**

Apostasy (Turning Back)

Being Overtaken By The Ways Of The World

Being Overtaken By Sin’s Temptations

The Plots And Plans Of Satan

From Discouragement In Trials

**23. *This Is The Savior’s Prayer For Us, As Well!***