**JOHN 17:2**

**10-16-19**

**Introduction – Last Week We Opened This Exciting Chapter In John, By Studying Only One Verse.**

***Tonight, We Will Again, Exam Only One Verse. However, In This Examination, We Will Reference Many Other Passages In The Bible.***

**We Know That This 17th Chapter Closes Out The Section Of John We Call The “Period Of Conference.”**

**(Slides 2)**

Period Of Conference

*John 12:36b-17:26*

It Records Jesus' Conference With The Disciples For The Purpose Of Preparing Their Minds For His Death…

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…And With The Father That He Might Make His Final Report On His Commission And Intercede For The Disciples Whom He Had Won.

**We Also Know That This Chapter Contains The Most Incredible Prayer In Scripture. It Is Truly “The Lords Prayer.”**

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This Prayer Can Be Divided Into Three Distinct Sections.

Verses 1-5: Jesus Prays For Himself

Verses 6-19: Jesus Prays For His Disciples

Verses 20-26: Jesus Prays For All Believers

***Tonight, We Remain In The First Section, As We See Jesus Continuing To Pray For Himself.***

**1. Verse 2 In The KJV Contains Several Personal Pronouns (And Other Versions Maintain Those Pronouns, As Well). It Is Important That We Identify, To Whom Each Applies, As We Move Forward.**

**(Slide 5)**

As “Thou”

(The Father)

Hast Given “Him”

(The Son)

Power Over All Flesh, That “He”

(The Son)

Should Give Eternal Life To As Many As “Thou”

(The Father)

Hast Given “Him.”

(The Son)

**2. V. 2a – With These Clarifications In Place, What Does Jesus Say That The Father Has Given To The Son? *(Power Over All Flesh)***

**3. (*Readers*)**

**Matthew 11:27 – Matthew 28:18 – John 3:35 – Philippians 2:9-11**

**4. What We Find In This One Short Saying Of Christ, Is A Doctrine That Is Heavily Stressed Throughout The New Testament. It Is Often Called The “Preeminence” (First Rank) Of Christ.**

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“The Preeminence Of Christ”

(*First Rank*)

**5. Let’s Take A Look At Two More Majestic Passages That Speak Of This: *Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:1-6***

**6. V. 2b – What Does Jesus Declare Next, In Verse 2?**

**7. We Have Again, Happened Upon, Not One, But Some Would Say, Two More High And Holy Biblical Doctrines:**

**(Slide 7)**

The Doctrine Of Election

The Doctrine Of Eternal Security

**8. Since, We Study The Bible To Discover Its Truths We Do Not Shy Away From Discussing These Lofty Doctrines.**

**9. It Is Impossible To Deny That Jesus Makes Two Unambiguous – Plain – Clear – Explicit Claims:**

**(Slide 8)**

Christ Is The Author And Giver Of Eternal Life.

The Father Gives The Son Those, Who Would Have Eternal Life.

**10. Before Going Any Further, I Would Like To Ask, What Do You Think Of This Statement From The Lips Of Christ?**

**11. Acts\_13:48; Romans\_8:29-33; Ephesians\_1:3-6; 2 Thessalonians\_2:13; Titus\_1:1;**

**1 Peter\_1:2**

**12. We Come Again To This Subject, As It Has Continued To Raise Its Head Throughout Our Study In John. It Is This Great Question, Which Divides The Christian World:**

**(Slide 9)**

“How Much Of Salvation Is The Responsibility Of Man; And How Much Of Salvation Is The Responsibility Of God?”

13. **Let’s Look At The Explanation Of This Verse By Different Commentators.**

**(Slide 10)**

“From The Human Viewpoint, We Receive The Gift Of Eternal Life When We Believe On Jesus Christ. But From The Divine Viewpoint, We Have Already Been Given To The Son In Divine Election. This Is A Mystery That The Human Mind Cannot Fully Understand Or Explain; We Must Accept It By Faith.”

* Warren Wiersbe

**(Slide 11)**

The Security Of Salvation Rests In The Sovereignty Of God, For God Is The Guarantee That "All" He Has Chosen Will Come To Him For Salvation.

* John Macathur

**(Slide 12)**

“The “Giving” Could Refer To A Divine Election That Precedes The “Coming,” Or To The Certain Reception Of Jesus By Those Who Genuinely Seek The One True God.”

* The Moody Bible Commentary

**14. The Question Is, Does All This Matter; An If So, What Difference Does It Make? What Does Our Evangelism – Our Prayer For The Lost – Really Matter?**

**(Slide 13)**

Isaiah 6:9-13

Acts 13:47-48