

**“That time Jesus prayed for you” (John 17:6-26)****Verses to Remember:**

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:20-21).

**Notes and Scripture references:**

- In John 17:6, “manifested” means to make visible. Jesus, as God, made visible the person and character of God (cf. John 1:14, 18; 14:9).
- The disciples believed in Jesus as the One sent by God (cf. John 6:29, 66-68); all of them except Judas who Jesus knew would betray him (cf. Psalm 41:9).
- Jesus prays for his disciples to be sanctified vessels. The term was used about articles used in the Temple (2 Chron 15:18). It was used of prophets (Jer 1:5), of priests (Ex 28:41), of sacrificial animals set apart for holy offerings (Deut 15:19). The disciples were set apart for holy purposes, sent into the world, to be in the world, but not of the world, so that they can share the love of God with the world.
- Jesus prayed not just for his disciples, but for us to who would believe through their word. He prayed that the Holy Father would keep us in his name; that we would be kept from the evil one; that we would be sanctified in the truth; that we would be unified as one; that the Father and Son would be in us; that one day we would see him in all his glory; and that we would know the Father’s love.

**We are sanctified (set apart for holy purposes in this world)...****1. By the blood of Jesus**

- Our being sanctified is based on Jesus sanctifying himself as the perfect sacrifice (John 17:19 cf. Hebrews 10:10-14).
- By this, we are kept from the evil one. Satan is an accuser (Rev 12:10). Satan may say, “You, a holy vessel – give me a break!” Your answer is, “Yes, I was made holy and set apart for holy purposes by the sanctified and sanctifying sacrifice of Jesus.”

**2. Through his Word (John 12:17)**

- Reading the Word of God and putting it into practice keeps us in the world but not of it. It keeps us in the name (character) of the Holy Father (cf. 2 Tim 2:21-22).
- By this, we are kept from the evil one (cf. 1 John 2:14). The devil is a liar (John 8:44), and so we are protected from the devil by the Word of God, the Word of truth.

**3. As we are united together in his presence (John 17:20-21)**

- God in us brings us into unity and sets us apart together for holy purposes.
- The devil is like a lion seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8). Lions look for the weak, the injured, those separated from the pack. United we are kept from the evil one.