

# **Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – Part 3**

Sermon 80 in the Matthew Series (Excursion into John's Gospel – 3)

## **John 17:10-17**

### **I. The Mutual Ownership of Father and Son v. 10**

Everyone who belongs to Christ belongs to God.  
And -- Everyone who belongs to God, belongs to Christ.

### **II. Christ and the World v. 11**

The contrast is with this present evil world and “the Holy Father”.  
1 Peter 1:3-6

### **III. That they may be One as We Are v. 11b**

We have seen the terrible things that come from disunity.

**James 3:16** -- “For where envy and strife are, there is confusion and every evil work.”

#### **A. Every Christian has Christ in Common.**

We are in Christ.  
Christ is in the bosom of the Father.  
We are in union with Christ and the Father. **v. 21**

This is the kind of unity we will enjoy for all eternity.  
But presently there is something more important than unity.

As important as unity is, truth is even more important. **v. 17**

One of the greatest problems in our country – is people in general – even professed Christians do not believe in Total Depravity.

A world that has been educated by the world has given up God's standard of morality, the Ten Commandments, and now cannot even define what “good” is.

They call evil – good, and good – evil.  
They do not have a Biblical world-view to tell right from wrong.

“Separation from the world” necessarily includes division. **v. 14-17**  
*Sanctify them, set them apart, by thy truth.*

The “Holy” of v. 11 is from the same Greek root as “sanctify” in v. 17.  
Hendricksen makes the comment, that by combining the words and meaning of  
v. 11, 15 and v. 17 – we could say : “Holy Father, keep them from the evil one and make  
them holy in the truth.”

#### **IV. Christ Prays that we would have Joy v. 13**

##### 1. We have a true need for Joy.

The verb *chairein* “to rejoice” or “to be joyful” is found 72 times in the NT.  
The noun form of the word *chara* translated “joy” is found another 60 times.

Phil 4:4 -- **Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.**”

##### 2. Joy comes from sound Doctrine.

Psalms 19:8 -- The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:

Psalms 119:14 -- I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

##### 3. Joy does not come from our Circumstances.

##### 4. Joy is strengthened by Fellowship

Christ speaks not just of joy but of “My joy”. v. 13

Heb 12:2 -- Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy that was set before him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 John 1:3-4 -- That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that **ye also may have fellowship with us:** and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**

Vertical and horizontal fellowship are in view here.

Without God, you will not have joy.

Without the fellowship of the brethren, you will not have joy.