
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 05/26/2019

John 17:6-19 – “The Intercession of Christ” by Drew Hunter

Overview

This is Jesus’ extended prayer for his people on his final night before he was crucified. And it’s an incredible moment. This is God the Son speaking to God the Father, and we get to overhear it. We see how Jesus intercedes in this particular moment in history, knowing that to this day and at this very moment, he continues interceding for us before the Father. If we can grasp what is happening in these moments, we will find a bottomless source of encouragement.

1. How Does He View Us (v. 6-10)?
2. What Does He Want For Us (v. 11-19)?
3. How Does This Change Us (v. 13)?

Quotations

“The privilege and benefit which a Christian has [because of] Christ’s intercession is unspeakable, and not enough considered by Christians, to give him glory for it, and to comfort their own hearts.”
-Thomas Goodwin

If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would no fear a million of enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference; he is praying for me.” -Robert Murray M’Cheyne

“Do what’s right and risk the consequences” ... “And you can risk the consequences, because in light of the security we have in Christ, the consequences are inconsequential.” -two ZF Members

Understanding & Application

- 1) Read *John 17:6-10*. Jesus views us as a gift, as believers, and as those who are on his heart (like the High Priest had the twelve tribes symbolically on his heart). What do you find strengthening or encouraging about this section?
- 2) Read *John 17:11-19*. Jesus prays for us to be holy – to be set apart, wholly devoted to God.
 - How does Jesus pray for us to become holy?
 - How can we encourage each other to grow in holiness?
 - How does Jesus being “once committed, always committed” to his people fuel our pursuit of holiness?
- 3) Read *John 17:13* and the quotes from Thomas Goodwin and Robert Murray M’Cheyne.
 - How does Jesus’ intercessory prayer from John 17 fuel our joy?
 - How might you grow in having the joy of Jesus fulfilled in your life?
- 4) God’s Spirit frequently brings one particular truth or emphasis to our mind as we sit under the preaching of his Word. Take a moment to reflect on the main truth God wanted you to hear on Sunday (consider using one of the three questions below to help guide you).
 - How are you worshipping God afresh?
 - What area of darkness has God exposed with the light of his truth?
 - How are you provoked to live more intentionally with others?Share with your group how God’s Word changes how you hope to live tomorrow.