

## A Study of John's Gospel: "Our King's Priestly Prayer" (Part 4)

John 17:24-26 / 1 John 4:16-19

"I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them." – John 17:26

**I. Continued Revealing of Love (vv.24)**

- a. The word *name* in context with God refers to His character.
- b. God, by His nature, shines and overflows. He is super abundant. God created the world, in His pleasure, out of His abundant love, because that is who He is.
- c. Jesus has made known the character of God to His disciples. How did He do this?
  1. By His teaching, by loving and as a living example.
- d. *I will continue to make it known*, refers to the continuous revealing of Himself as the disciples follow God's will. *If we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us.* (James 4:8)
- e. The essence, depth, presence and power of God is constructed in love. God is love. (1 John 4:8)
  1. Why did God create the world? Love. Why did He forgive and not destroy Adam and Eve? Love.
  2. Why did He choose Israel to call His own? Love.
  3. Why did He call you, why does He hope in you and why does He continue to forgive you? Love!
- f. *The love with which You have loved Me may be in them* means that we may reflect the "Father's love" by our love for Jesus and for others.
- g. Jesus prayed that continued unified love will be *within* them (in their hearts), and *among* them (uniting them together). Why? (III. *Sent out in Love*)
- h. God's love is associated with the indwelling of Christ. We know the love of God because the Son dwells in our hearts.
- i. How does *knowing* that someone loves you encourage you? (III. *Remember that I love you*)

**II. Future Revelation of God (vv.25-26)**

- a. The last two verses are a separate division of the prayer. There is no petition in them.
- b. The significance here is Jesus' praise of the Father for His work of revealing Himself to us.
- c. Jesus made the Father, and His love, known to the world by His death. And the Father made known His love for the Son by raising Him to glory.
- d. God's love, power, and authority were made known to us through the Cross and actuated through Christ.
- e. The Father sent the Son to live and die in our place, to suffer the wrath we deserve, that we might be welcomed into the loving fellowship of God.
- f. Jesus' purpose in revealing the Father was that Christians would continue to grow in that love and to enjoy the personal presence of Jesus in their lives.
- g. *I in them*. The very last words of the prayer refer to Christ's continuing presence in us (followers). Whatever the future holds He will be with us.

**III. Practical Application (He Prayed for You, He Prayed For Me)**

- a. Write a prayer for present or future children reflecting one important thing learned in this study.
- b. Determine one way that you can personally be an answer to Christ's prayer this coming week.
- c. How will you continue to reveal to others that Jesus was speaking about you in His prayer?