

JESUS' INTERCESSION FOR THE DISCIPLES AS THOSE WHOM THE FATHER HAD GIVEN
HIM
(John 17:6-10)

- I. DEFINING Those for Whom He Prays (John 17:6)
 - A. They were those to whom He had MANIFESTED the Father's NAME (cf. 12:25; 14:9; Col. 1:15; 2:9; Phil. 2:6; Heb. 1:3)
 - 1. He had EXPLAINED the Father's character and attributes in His TEACHING
 - 2. He had DEMONSTRATED the Father's character and attributes in His MINISTRY
 - 3. He provided ACCESS to the Father through His DEATH
 - B. They were those whom the Father had GIVEN Him out of the WORLD (cf. 15:19)
 - 1. God had CHOSEN them from among the unredeemed under the control of SATAN
 - 2. They were the Father's even BEFORE their CONVERSION (cf. Acts 18:10; Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8; 17:8)
 - 3. They were the Father's GIFT to His Son (17:2; cf. 6:37, 39)
 - C. They had KEPT the Father's WORD (cf. 3:36; Acts 6:7; Rom. 1:5; see also Eph. 2:8-10; Phil. 2:12-13)
- II. Identifying Them as GENUINE BELIEVERS in Him (John 17:7-8)

- A. They understood Jesus' DEPENDENCE on the Father
 - 1. All of His MIRACLES were the Father's WORKS
 - 2. All His TEACHINGS were the Father's WORDS
- B. They understood Jesus' ORIGIN from the Father
- C. They understood Jesus' MISSION was the Father's

III. Identifying Them as the FATHER'S GIFT to Him (John 17:9-10)

- A. Jesus' prayer was on THEIR behalf, not on behalf of the WORLD
- B. They WERE the Father's, and they REMAIN the Father's
- C. All that belongs to the FATHER also belongs to JESUS
- D. In these DISCIPLES Jesus has been GLORIFIED
 - 1. Through their FAITH in Him in His HUMILIATION
 - 2. Through their PARTICIPATION with Him in His GLORIFICATION

(Rom. 8:30)