

JESUS' INTERCESSION FOR THE *DESTINY* OF THE CHURCH
(John 17:24-26)

- I. The FELLOWSHIP of Future Glory (John 17:24a)
 - A. It is based on NOTHING in US
 - 1. By NATURE, we were ALIENATED from God (Eph. 2:1-3, 12)
 - 2. By DISPOSITION, we were ENEMIES of God (Rom. 5:10)
 - B. It is a gift of GRACE because of God's LOVE (Eph., 2:4-7; Rom. 5:8-10)
 - 1. He FORGIVES repentant sinners (Col. 2:13)
 - 2. He ADOPTS us as His children (Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5)
 - 3. He GLORIFIES us for eternity (Rom. 8:29-30)
 - C. It is in HARMONY with the will of the Father
 - 1. He CHOSE us before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4)
 - 2. He inscribed our names in the BOOK OF LIFE (Rev. 13:8; 17:8)
 - 3. He GAVE us to the Son as gifts of His LOVE (John 6:37, 39)
 - D. It is the DESIRE of Christ that those whom the Father GAVE Him be WITH Him forever (cf. 12:26; 14:3)
- II. The FOCUS of Future Glory (John 17:24b)

- A. His true glory, VEILED while on earth, will be REVEALED in heaven (Phil. 2:5-8; Rev. 5:12-13)
- B. Believers will also SHARE Christ's glory in heaven (Rom. 8:18; Phil. 3:20-21)
- C. This will demonstrate that the Father has LOVED the Son FOREVER (cf. 1:1)

III. The FORETASTE of Future Glory (John 17:25-26)

- A. He expresses perfect confidence in the Father's RIGHTEOUSNESS
- B. He restates His exclusion of the UNBELIEVING WORLD (cf. 17:9)
- C. Our foretaste of glory comes through Jesus' KNOWLEDGE of the Father
 - 1. He makes Him KNOWN to us
 - 2. He REVEALS the Father's love for JESUS
 - 3. He INFUSES the Father's love in US
 - 4. He personally is IN US