“I Have Given Them Thy Word”

Intro: Over the past four weeks we have been in the process of studying what many have called the True __________ ___________. Unlike the Lord’s Prayer of the synoptic gospels where the Lord Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, giving them an example prayer, here we have the very words that our Lord uttered in prayer as on the eve of His crucifixion He ______________ addressed His ______________.

A. It is here that Jesus prayed to His Father asking for ______________ that He would glorify His Father (vss. 1-5); and then on behalf of His first ______________ He asked that the Father would keep them in His Holy name and as a result that they would be one just as He and His Father are One (vss. 6-19), and then He prayed for the same blessings on behalf of ____ who would come to believe in Him thereafter (vss. 20-26).

I. Jesus asked His Holy Father to ________ the disciples in His name which was to ask Him to preserve them in the _________ and righteousness of His Holy Name while employing the strength and _____________ of His Holy Name to do so. And, as Jesus said in prayer, the Father’s keeping them would result in a blessed __________ among them; a divine ______________ like that of the Father and the Son.

II. So near and certain was the cross that Jesus spoke of His earthly _____________ to the eleven disciples as successfully completed saying, “I was ______________ them in Thy name ...
I ____________ them, and not one of them perished ...”

A. Jesus spoke of “the son of _____________” as one who ______________.

   1. “Note carefully, He did not say, ‘except the son of perdition,’ rather, “but the son of perdition.’ He ______________ __________ to ‘them,’ that is, to those who had been given Him by the Father. The disjunctive participle is used here, as frequently in Scripture, to ______________ those belonging to two different classes.” (A. W. Pink)

   2. This brought Pink to write, “Judas was an apparent, _____ a _______, ... he was not a child of God but the son of perdition.”

III. Having accomplished His earthly _____________ gave Him, and knowing that He was about to return to the Father, Jesus asked the Father to ________ __________ the disciples.

A. Jesus interceded ___________ on the disciple’s behalf that they would ________ His prayer, understand that the Father would preserve them just as He had preserved them, and from this have His ______________ __________ in them. Jesus prayed aloud because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! And, the outcome of faith in God is joy!

   1. These disciples (and all believers everywhere) ________ the enduring _______ of the Lord for they are going to be rejected by the world. In this world you will have many tribulations! The world hates the followers of Christ because they are not of the world. But take heart for the _______ of the Lord is your ______________!

B. Jesus asked that the Father _______ to take His disciples _______ of the world, ______ to _________ them from the evil one.
1. As 1 Cor 10:13 says, “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and _______ _____ ____________, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.” Amen, as 1 John 4:4 says, “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because ____________ ___ _____ who is in you than he who is in the world.”

IV. Because the Lord’s disciples are not of this world and were to carry on His heavenly work being His witnesses, and because the evil one would indeed pursue them as enemies, Jesus further requested of the Father praying, verse 17, “Sanctify them in the truth; _____ ________ ______ __ ______.”

A. William Hendriksen expounds, “... the verb (sanctified) here employed means to ______ ________ from the world by the actual sanctification of life, so that in heart and mind, in thought, _________, and _________, one begins to live more and more in accordance with the law of God.”

B. Jesus had made the Father’s name known to His disciples. He gave them His Father’s Word whereby they believed and obeyed. And now, He is leaving _______ to ________________ His name to a world that hates them, and every lying demon in hell will come against them! So Jesus asked the Father to keep them from the evil one and that, through the sanctifying _________ of His ________.

C. Jesus, in the shadow of the cross, is most ________________ for His disciple’s sanctification and the attacks of the enemy because He is _____________ them out as His apostles! He is sending them out in a world that has so hated Him that they will crucify Him, and that ___ ________________ His name!

D. In praying to His Father, Jesus declared that for the sake of His disciple’s sanctification, that they may be sanctified in the truth of His word, He would ___________________________ (unto the cross, whereby they could and would be saved and sanctified).

Conclusion: Today we have read (in part) what Christ ____________ on behalf of His followers. That His joy would be made full in His people He asked that the Father would _______ them in His Word, sanctifying them for His divine purposes, ___________ them from the evil one. But such would not come freely for the price of redemption would have to be paid. Therefore, Jesus dedicated Himself to that end, giving Himself to the cross purchasing our salvation. ______! See then how __________ has loved us?! See then, how Jesus has loved you!

On the eve of the cross Jesus did pray for His disciples saying that He had given them God’s word and that ______ _______ ________ for their salvation and sanctification; and today He sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for us as the One whose Word we have and who did give His life for us. See then, how __________ has __________ you! Believe in Him for He is the Lord of all love.

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