

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 30

Scripture of Lesson: John 17: 1~26

1. Christ's mission: to give 'Eternal Life'

- a. v. 2 *"As Thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou has given him."* – Jesus was keenly aware of His life's mission and was ready to meet the final moments.
- b. What is 'eternal life?' v. 3 *"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."* Do we personally know God and Jesus Christ? When did we come to know Him in our life? Let's share our experiences.

2. Glory of God and of Christ

- a. Jesus prayed for Father's glory to go through the final moments so that He could glorify the Father [v. 1]
 - i. How did the Son glorify the Father in his life on earth?
 - V. 4 – Jesus sought to glorify God during His life on earth. This was His testimony before God as He faced the final moments of suffering and death.
 - v. 6 – Jesus revealed God to His disciples.
 - V. 8 – He taught them God's word.
 - Luke 24: 26 *"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"*
 - ii. How can we glorify God and Jesus Christ in our lives?
 - V. 10—Christ was honored/ glorified by the disciples.
 - Ps 29:1-2 *"Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty; give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."*
 - I Peter 1: 21--*"By Him ye believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God."*
 - I Peter 5: 11—*"To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."*
- b. Jesus drew strength to meet the final moments from His memory of the glory He had with the Father in eternity past before the world was. [v. 5]
 - i. Glory of God restrained during His life on earth—humble life as a servant of God.
 - ii. Yet He knew what was waiting for Him beyond the cruel death on the cross.
 1. Father and Son shared glory unspeakable in eternity past. [v. 5, 24]
 - iii. Heaven's glory is also waiting for us.
 1. Heavenly temple filled with God's glory: Rev. 15: 8
 2. Bride adorned in God's glory: Rev. 21: 11
 3. New Jerusalem lighted by God's glory: Rev 21:23

3. Sanctification through God's truth, word

- a. Through God's word Jesus' disciples were separated from the Jewish community as a holy, dedicated group [v. 16~19]
 - i. Holiness of God's people starts from separation in life's purpose and pursuits from the world.
- b. Christ sought to ensure the disciples [later His church] stay as one. [v. 21~23]
 - i. That they might be united in the same love of the Father and the Son [v. 24~26]