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John 17:1-13

### *Jesus Prays for Himself*

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

### *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: **I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me;** for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. **Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.** 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.** 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 **And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

### *Jesus Prays for All Believers*

20 **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;** 21 **That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.** 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:** 23 I in them, and thou in me, **that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.** 24 **Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me:** for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

### *Paul echoes some of the things from the prayer of Jesus*

Ephesians 1:15-23 and Ephesians 3:14-21

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is

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named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to **be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,** 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to **know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.** 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

*A glimpse at some of the revelation Paul was praying for*

Hebrews 12:22-24

22 But **ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn,** which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

*Jesus likens His followers, His Church, to "the light of the world" and "a city set on a hill" much like "mount Sion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" mentioned above*

Matthew 5:14-16

14 **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.** 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**B.H. Carroll**, late 1900's - founder of one of the largest congregations in Texas --First Baptist, Waco, TX-- and founder of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Baptists and Their Doctrines**, Chapter 11, The River of Life, p. 189-190 - From the *The Library of Baptist Classics* series by Broadman & Holman Publishers.

**Means of Conveyance** [*speaking of the new Jerusalem's River of Life (Rev 21-22), the Gospel blessings*]

What are the instruments by which the blessings shall go to the world? Or, to use an expression suggesting the methods of irrigation: What are the canals or conduits that conduct this water to the barren places? In a country where irrigation is relied on for moisture, you may see costly aqueducts or modest ditches conveying from off mountain springs or from huge reservoirs prepared by art, the water supply to every thirsty part of a field or garden.

**Answering to this figure, what are the channels of God's grace? Unquestionably, God's church and His people. Out of the sanctuary the waters flow, the tabernacle of God. Out of Zion they go forth to the world. What a mission! The church of Jesus Christ, appointed to conduct the waters of life, the waters of healing, the waters of cleansing, the waters of beauty and refreshment and rest to the thirsty and parched world.**

**It is not only true with reference to the church, as an organization, but I can show you from the Scriptures that it refers to individual Christians. Shall I quote it?**

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not

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yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Whoever is a convert, whoever has come to Christ for drink, whoever has cooled lips-burning, swollen and parched by the hot fires of sin-in the fountain of Christ, out of him in turn shall flow rivers of living water. The outflow from him is not meant to express his own blessing. He gets his blessing in Christ; but the outflow from him is to be blessing for other people. This spake He of the Spirit, that through the influence of the Holy Spirit the Christian should be a conveyancer of the blessings of life and salvation to other people. No matter how poor, how lowly, how obscure, how little esteemed by the great ones of this world, if God shines into your heart, if you have tasted and found that the Lord is good, and have quenched your own thirst in the fountain of living waters, from you shall outflow rivers of living water. **Your influence among men shall be life-giving; it shall be health-renewing. Your influence shall be the influence of peace and refreshment. Your influence shall be cleansing as it comes in touch with the defilement of the world. What a glorious blessing!**

And are there no desert places? Are there no places where people cannot live on account of the drought? Is it not getting to be so that some places are not worth living in because they have been made a moral desert? Oh! can these healing streams reach the midnight banqueting rooms where oaths fall from the lips of men that are drunk with wine? Can these healing streams flow to the places of the abandoned and lost?

### EXTRA PASSAGES FOR CONTEXT

Hebrews 12:18-29

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, 19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: 20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

**22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.**

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 **Wherefore we receiving a kingdom** which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Matthew 5:1-16

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven.**

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

**\*ITS NOT ALL IN HEAVEN, IN ETERNITY, BUT HERE ON EARTH, TOO\***

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called **the children of God.**

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven.**

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

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12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

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