

## **His Prayer for Our Preservation**

### **John 17:6-16**

#### **1. The people for whom He prays.**

**John 17:6-8** | “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

#### **2. The premises upon which He prays.**

##### **A. Because we are His.**

**John 17:9** | I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

##### **B. Because we bring Him glory.**

**John 17:10-11a** | All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

##### **C. Because we need unity.**

**John 17:11b-12** | Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

### **3. The purpose for which He prays.**

**John 17:13-16** | But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.