

RESURRECTION PROTECTION

John 17:11-19 (NIV)

INTRODUCTION: Protection of family and self has always been of concern to people. That's why it is a comfort and strength to know that our resurrected and ascended Lord prays for our protection.

I. PROTECTION BY THE _____ OF CHRIST'S NAME

v.11 "...Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me..."

v.12 "While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me..."

Exodus 3:15 "...This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

II. PROTECTION AS A RESULT OF THE _____ GOD GIVES US

V. 11 "...Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

V.21 "...I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one..."

v.22 "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one."

Ephesians 4:4-6 "There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called –

one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

III. PROTECTION BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S ----- OVER THE EVIL ONE

V.15 “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but you protect them from the evil one.”

Psalm 121:5,8 “The LORD watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand ... the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

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OPEN

- A. In our lesson for today, Jesus is giving His disciples a "going away" gift as He prays for them. What types of "going away gifts" have you received or given?
- B. Who taught you how to pray? When? How?
- C. Jesus prays for our protection. Name some ways in which God protects you in your life right now.

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- A. In v. 11, Jesus prays that His followers would be protected by the power of His name. Why is there power in the name of Jesus? (See Acts 3:1-10)
- B. In v.11, how does Jesus describe the unity that He desires for us, His people?
- C. According to v. 16, Jesus says that his followers are "not of the world." What does this mean?
- D. According to Christ in v.17, how can we really know the truth?
- E. Rather than taking us "out of the world" (v.15), or having us be "of the world" (v.16), what does our Lord pray concerning our mission in v.18?

REFLECT

- A. The opposite of trusting in God and His protection is worry. What kind of worry are you being tempted with lately? What comfort does it give you to know that the name of Jesus is firmly established in your heart and life?
- B. How are our prayers for others similar to the prayer that Jesus prays for us?

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- C. Jesus prays that we might be one in our unity of faith. Do you think all the different denominations of Christianity have been good or bad for the Christian faith? What could happen if we were more unified as a body of believers?
- D. In vs. 17 and 18 Jesus prays that we might be "sanctified" which means to be set apart for His purposes. How has God set you apart in a special way right now? How is He using you as you are sent into the world around you?
- E. In v. 13, Jesus prays for a "full measure of [His] joy". As you read this section of scripture, what do you think a full measure of joy might look like in your life?