

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Jesus Prayed For His Disciples

Text : **John 17:6-19**

Introduction :

1. This is truly the Lord's Prayer.
2. In the first part of this prayer, which we examined last week, He prayed for His mission.
3. In the second part of this prayer, as we will examine today, He prays for His disciples.
4. This prayer is the first as High Priest, the Intercessor for God's people.
5. These few verses tell us about the disciples of Jesus.

Discussion :

I. THE MANIFESTATION TO JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs.6-8)

- A. The Lord's name was made manifest by the life of Jesus (v.6).
- B. The Lord's name was made manifest by the works of Jesus (v.7).
- C. The Lord's name was made manifest by the words of Jesus (v.8).
- D. The Lord's name was made manifest by the spirit of Jesus (v.8).

II. THE DISTINCTION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs.9-11)

- A. Disciples are distinct because they belong to God (v.9).
- B. Disciples are distinct because they belong to Christ (v.10).
- C. Disciples are distinct because they have God's Spirit (v.11).

III. THE INTEGRATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs.12-13)

- A. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His presence (v.12).
- B. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His name (v.12).
- C. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His joy (v.13).

IV. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs.14-16)

- A. Disciples are hated because they were given God's word (v.14).
- B. Disciples are hated because they were at war with Satan (v.15).
- C. Disciples are hated because they were not of this world (v.16).

V. THE SANCTIFICATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs.17-19)

- A. God's Word has the power to sanctify (v.17).
- B. God's calling has the power to sanctify (v.18).
- C. God's Son has the power to sanctify (v.19).

Conclusion :

1. Jesus was sincerely concerned about the welfare of His disciples.
2. He does not want His disciples to fail or be neglected in any way.
3. These verses must have given great comfort to His disciples.
4. Are you ready to be a true disciple of Christ?