

Scripture: John 17
Singing: 250:1, 2, 5 – 71:1-5 – 369:1-3 – 297:1-3

Jesus Sanctified Himself (2)

I. In what way did He do this II. To what end did He do this

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A. He did it to *please His Father & glorify Him* (Ps. 40; John 12:28; 17:1)

B. He did it to *sanctify His people* (17, 19b 20-26)

1. This is Christ's ultimate *fruit* of all His labors for His Church: Eph. 1:4; 5:25;
1Thess. 4:7; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 1:6, 9

a. His cross took away the *impediment to enter glory*

b. His sanctifying work takes away the *impediment to enjoy glory*

2. This is only reason why believers in Jesus are already 'saints'

C. He did it to *bring spiritual unity* to the body of His Church (20-24)

1. The spiritual unity: *that they all may be one as He/Father are*

a. this unity is of the highest order

b. yet this unity is not *invisible*: 21b, 23b

2. Spiritual unity of believers in Christ turns the Church into a powerhouse

D. He did it to *make His people partakers with Him in His glory*: 22-24

1. Jesus has given His people His own glory already (22a)

2. Yet Jesus prays on 'merit's ground' (I will!) for full participation in His glory
 - a. meditate upon the exploding crescendo of our ultimate destiny: 22-26
 - to be one even as the Father and Son are (21, 22b)
 - to be perfect in one (23b)
 - to be with Him where He is (24a)
 - to behold His glory in glory (24b)
 - to share in love wherewith His Father loved the Son (26)
3. Jesus is never at rest until He has all His Church with Him in glory (24)
 - a. What will they do in glory?
 - to behold His glory in an eternal unfolding of the Father's infinite love wherewith He loved His Son (vs. 26)

Some closing reflections:

A. Eternity will be a continuation of the feasting on the glory of God

1. Jesus Himself will continue what He began in John 1:18, 17:26

B. If God is so glorious, why do men not love Him? (2 Cor. 4:4)

C. Yet God is so glorious that He offers us His services and medicine: Rv. 3:18, 20