(1) PRAYER THE BELIEVERS WILL BE ONE

v.20 I do NOT pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word.

- Jesus' prayer now extends past his original disciples
- There will be others who will Believe πιστευω in Jesus

* But notice the unique change
- The original disciples believed because of Jesus' word λογος

"I have manifested Your name to ... them... and they have kept Your word" John 17:6

- Now, others must believe in Jesus through "their" word λογος
- The tables have turned
- The Father was in Jesus teaching the Disciples...
- Now, Jesus will be in the Disciples continuing His Teachings
- 3 x it was "Your Word"
- Now, it is "their word"
- Believers must learn the λογος and the ρημα

"They have Kept Your word (λογος) — over all message John 17:6

"I have given them Your words" John 17:8

ρημα - specific commandments

- Receiving the λογος = salvation/justification
- Receiving the ρημα = maturity sanctification

v.21 My prayer is that they will be one as You, Father, are in Me and I in You

- Jesus' prayer is for all believers to have a Divine unity
- A oneness w/ each other ; God
- This has proven difficult throughout church history in both:
  - Doctrine/Theology and
  - practicality/application

* The goal, prayer is to be One in mind/spirit (Theology) and in behavior (application)
- A hard Goal to reach as Jesus prayed this 4x

"that they all be one..." v.20
"that they be one in us..." v.21
"that they be one just as we are One" — v.22
"that they would be perfect in one" v.23

- The analogy that is given is "AS" the Father is in Me ; I in You
- a complete vs Perfect oneness
- This might reflect back to the Vine metaphor...
  - As the Father was in Jesus speaking and doing the miracles
  - so too, must the believer abide in Jesus ; Him in us to speak and do His work

"I Am the Vine, you are the branches (a oneness), He who abides in Me and I in him bears much fruit for without (being one w/) Me, you can do nothing" John 15:5

- Jesus' prayer has been to glorify the Father by bearing fruit... and fruit that remains (John 15:5, 16)
- This can only occur by being One with God...
- Just as Jesus is One w/ God

* God's desire has always been to be One w/ us and Dwell among us (more on this later)

- unity is also a compelling evangelistic tool
- Think of all the prophets proclaiming the same message!
  - QUITE CONVINCING

v.22 I pray that they also be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me

- a unity and oneness in believers can lead others to believing

* The Danger here, is an individual following a cult because they all believe the exact same things

1) most cults deny the deity of Jesus and Salvation by Faith - making them heretical

2) a misunderstanding of the λογος vs. ρημα
   - believing the λογος = salvation

"The word λογος became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14

- we must believe in the λογος
- we grow ; mature in the ρημα

3) The oneness Jesus is praying for centers around Κοινωνια FELLOWSHIP

"God is faithful and has called you into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord." 1 Cor. 1:9

- Again, this is the overall theme of the Bible... to dwell w/ God (Garden of Eden, Tabernacle, Temple, The New Temple, The New Jerusalem
- All of these creations were God's attempt to Dwell in oness w/ His creation
- and in all of these creations, the Devil has tried to Destroy the oneness

* The New Jerusalem is impervious to the Devil's infiltrations

"The New Jerusalem is the bride for her husband... a loud voice said, Behold the tabernacle of God is w/ them and He will dwell with them... Rev. 21:2-3

The unbelievers will not be there... 21:8

"There will be no temple in the New Jerusalem, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple (Jesus in John 17:20-23 is explaining the oneness)... and there by no means be anything that can enter it and defile or cause abomination (like the old Temple)" Rev. 21:22, 27

v.22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them so that they may be One as We are One

- God gave His glory BOSA to the Messiah to create One Godly family

"David, My Servant, shall be King over them and they shall have One Shepherd and they shall walk in My judgments, observe My statutes, and do them" Ezek. 37:24

- The One true Shepherd establishes one true flock

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold (Israel), them also must I bring, and they will hear My voice and there will be One flock and One shepherd" John 10:16

- The Messiah/shepherd is so "One" with His disciples/sheep...
- that the disciples are even one in His Glory δοξα
- All Disciples of Jesus receive a full manifestation of His name, or Character...
  - Hence, become One w/ His glory (A full Revelation of God)

"In Jesus, we behold His glory, the glory of the only son of God, full of grace and truth" John 1:14

"... the light of the knowledge of the glory of of God is in the face of Jesus Christ" 2 Cor. 4:6

"Jesus is the image of the invisible God" Col. 1:15

"Jesus is the brightness of His glory" Heb. 1:3

v.23 I in them, and You in Me that they may be made perfect/complete in One

- Jesus motive to be in His disciples is to make the disciples complete
- God is in Jesus
- Jesus in us brings God in us
- The result is the believer being made to completion

"we are complete in Him" Col. 2:10

v.23 (this oneness w/ Us) will show the world that You sent Me AND that You have loved them as You have loved Me

- There perhaps is NOT a more beautiful verse in all the Bible
- This oneness, unity, ; indwelling brings the Believer God's ultimate ♡
- Thank You Jesus...
- so powerful and shocking that it is repeated again at the very end of the prayer (v.26)

(2) PRAYER TO BEHOLD HIS GLORY & KNOW GOD

v.24 Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me, may be with Me where I am

- Jesus prays for all the believed to make it to the end ; "to be with Me where I am"
- Jesus has already mentioned that "those who endure to the end will be saved" Matt 10:22
- AND all 7 churches are told to overcome (νικαω) to be saved Rev. 2-3
- Jesus is now praying that all those who hear will believe to the end... which is to be with Him where He is going

* which is back to the glory and love He had before the foundation of the world
- Jesus could also be referring to the believer (before he dies) to behold the glory where He is

* So, there is a promise ; prayer for the believer to see His glory NOW AND in the "next age"

"But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory..." 2 Cor. 3:18

"Beloved, now we are children of God, but it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" 1 John 3:2

- The glory that we can see now and fully later, is the Glory that Jesus has always had
- The λογος hid his glory and became man (Phil. 2:5-11)

* Jesus' incarnation, death, ; exaltation is NO afterthought (Contrary to J.W. theology where God did NOT have prior knowledge of the Fall and redemption)

"I will utter things Kept secret from the foundation of the world" Matt 13:35

"you will inherit the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world" Matt 25:34

"God chose us/those in Him before the foundation of the world that in Him we should be holy and w/o blame before Him in love, and pre-determined us/those to adoption as children by Jesus Christ" Eph. 1:4

- God did NOT choose who would Be in Jesus
- This passage says God chooses those who are in Jesus
- This decision was predetermined (As the theme indicates, Jesus work of Salvation occurred before time began)

"Jesus was indeed foreordained ... before the foundation of the world" 1 Peter 1:20

"The lamb was slain before the foundation of the world" Rev. 13:8

* Jesus is now returning to this glory and prays the disciples will enter too

v.24 That they may behold/see (ESV, NASB) My glory which You have given Me for You have loved Me before the foundation of the world.

- Believers in every generation can see Jesus' glory
- This is also the glory of God

* NOT only can every believer see the glory of God in Jesus
* But every believer can be loved by God as God loves Jesus

v.25 O righteous Father!

- very close to "Holy Father" v.11
  - Holy: ἁγιος: set apart sanctified
  - Righteous: δικαιος: just, right innocent
- Hebrew writers commonly wrote: "Gracious is the LORD and righteous Yes, our God is merciful" Ps. 116:5 "Righteous are You, O LORD" Ps. 119:137
- As in v.11 (Holy Father) we are reminded of God's two powerful attributes (seemingly oxymoronic)

v.25 The world has not known You But I have known You

- and manifested His name
- only Jesus makes God known (Matt 11:27)

v.25 and now these (disciples) have known that You sent Me

- the world is condemned in their ignorance and disbelief John 3:36
- Those who receive and believe in Jesus receive Revelation

"If anyone loves Me and keeps My word, My Father and I will love him and make Our home in him" John 14:23

v.26 I have declared Your name and will continue to declare it

- Throughout Jesus' ministry, He declared, manifested, or "revealed" God's character/presence
- Jesus is the ultimate Revelation

* Jesus continues to reveal/declare God through His Disciples

v.26 I will continue to declare Your name... so that the love which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

- Jesus reminds all believers that God can love you the exact same way God loves Jesus!
- And, as if that wasn't enough, God will Dwell in you!
  - God the Father fully Dwells in Jesus Col. 2:9
  - So, by Jesus in the Believer, He brings the fullness of the glory of God into the Believer.

* Thus fulfilling the covenental promise ; God will Tabernacle w/ His people

Gen. 1-2... the Garden
Exodus... The Tabernacle
1 Kings... The Temple
John 2... The New Temple
Rev. 21-22... The New Jerusalem

* NOW AND AFTER DEATH!