

# Christ Prays for You

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 17:9-10.

B. This is the great prayer of Jesus before He went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

C. In change, we are afraid, like the disciples, even when God is leading us to a higher relationship.

D. What Jesus is praying for His disciples, He is actually praying for us.

## II. The theme of Jesus' prayer is that the disciples might be kept.

A. The reason for this is that whom you fellowship with is more important than what you do—all other prayers will flow from this.

B. Jesus realized the hostility that believers are facing in the world.

1. This is not the world of nature.

2. This is not the world of natural relationships.

3. Worldliness has to do with the philosophies of man.

C. Jesus' answer to Romanticism is a life and heart that is committed to Him.

D. Only the power that Jesus counts on will keep the believers power in God's name.

1. The name of God stands for all the authority and resources of God.

2. The keeping of the believer from the allurements of the world is a supernatural task.  
(Jude)

3. Judas never recognized his utter weakness and cast himself on Christ.

E. Sanctification. This simply means to put something to the proper use.

F. Our part is simply to believe the truth.

1. We must believe that God has told us the truth.

2. This is the value to the Christian faith.

G. God protects us even when our faith fails, but we can only go as far as our faith takes us as well.

**Application questions:**

1. Why does Jesus pray that His disciples might be kept with all the things He could have prayed?

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2. What power does the believer count on to be kept? Can he keep himself?

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3. What is our part in the Christian faith? How is this working itself out in your life on a daily basis?

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