

Deepening our Relationship with God

Day 21

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory... John 17:24a

Key Thought: God wants us to see His GLORY

We have come to the last day of this devotional, and it has been our prayer that you have grown deeper in your relationship with God over the past 21 days. We also hope reading and reflecting on this prayer of Jesus has encouraged you as His love and desires for you are seen in the way He prays for you.

Jesus has prayed for the Father to keep us in His name; to experience His joy; keep us from the evil one; sanctify us with His truth; to be brought together in unity and to be effective in our mission in this world, which is to reveal the presence of God through our transformed lives. All of these requests relate to this life we live on earth. As we come to this request in John 17:24, Jesus looks forward into eternity, and asks that we be with Him and see Him in His glory.

Paul refers to this as our ‘Blessed Hope’ - the hope that when this life is over, death simply becomes the doorway into the presence of Christ. Having closed our eyes in death, we open them and see the face of Jesus! (Titus 2:13)

This was not the first time that evening Jesus had pointed their attention to the future, and the promise of eternity with Him. In the midst of the confusion caused by His talking of His death, their desertion, denials and even betrayal, He had spoken these well known words: “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me...” Having spoken these words to calm them, Jesus then proceeded to assure them of their eternity with Him.

- His Father's house has many rooms—ample space for everyone who belongs to Christ.
- Jesus has prepared one of those rooms for each of His followers, with their name on the door.
- Having prepared that place, Jesus will Himself return for us, to take us where He is.
- Jesus Himself provided the way of salvation. The Cross is the bridge we take to the Father, His resurrection provides the life which is eternal.

Jesus now prays for the Father to fulfill this promise made in John 14—to bring us where He is; and having been brought into the presence of Christ, to see Him in all of His glory! The Disciples had seen Jesus reflecting the person of God, but had not seen Him in His full glory as God. However, as each of the Apostles finished their life here on earth and entered the presence of Christ, they saw His full, majestic glory!

And so will we, who have placed Saving Faith in Jesus Christ! We live this life by the grace of God, as the salt and light of Jesus, making disciples as we go. We are kept by the Father, display His reality through the love and unity we show each other and testify to the power of the Gospel. May the Hope we have in the promise of Jesus fill us with joy and passion, as we live for Him!

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the 2-3 most impactful insights you have had during the past 21 days?
2. What are the 2-3 steps God has led you to take in getting closer to Him?
3. How does the hope of Jesus, and His promise to bring you to be with Him impact your heart today?
Impact you life?
Deepen your commitment to Him?

Possible Prayer Points

1. Ask God to plant those insights and steps deep into your heart and life.
2. Ask God to remind you of your hope in Jesus each and every day, so you will know His peace, joy and love.

How do you think you should relate with God as a result of Him trying to relate to you in this way?