**JOHN 17:16-17**

**12-18-19**

**Introduction –**

**One Of The Things, Of Which Each Of Us Is Aware, Is That Many Christians, Never Get Beyond A *Surface* Knowledge Of The Word Of God, And The Things Of God.**

**It Is Certainly Unfortunate, That Few Believers Desire To Set Out On The Adventure Of The *Deeper Life*. However, One Of The Benefits Of Studying The Bible Verse-By-Verse Is That We Are Forced To Go Deeper.**

**My Hope Is That You Have Found Our Study In John, Anything But *Surface* – Especially Our Time In Chapter 17.**

**1. V. 17 – Our Lesson Tonight, Begins With An Incredibly Profound Statement In The Prayer Of Christ. He Says…**

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John 17:16
They Are Not Of The World, Even As I Am Not Of The World.

**2. Let’s Begin Our Examination Of This Verse, By Focusing On The Second Phrase. Jesus Says What Is Obvious To Us. “I Am Not Of The World.”**

**3. At The Moment Jesus Makes This Statement He Is Certainly On The Earth. He Is Standing In What We Call The Middle East – In The Nation Of Israel – Just Outside The City Of Jerusalem – We Could Use Google Earth To Locate His Exact Location. What Does He Mean When He Says He Is Not Of The World?**

**4. (Slide 3 - *Incarnation*)**

**We Are People, Who Believe The Truth Of The Incarnation – The Truth That God Came Down And Put On A Robe Of Flesh.**

**As Mysterious And Profound As This Truth Is, We Have No Trouble Believing It.**

**5. Ironically, What We Have The Most Difficulty Comprehending Is The First Statement Of This Verse. What Is It?**

**6. Again, Who Is It That Is Speaking In This Verse?**

**Once Again, Of Whom Is He Speaking?**

**Once Again, Someone Tell Us What You Know About These 11 Men?**

**7. Jesus Makes This Incredible Declaration – Not Future Tense – Not In A Progressive Tense, As Though They Will Grow To Be Such. But God Declares, Without Vagueness – *These Men Are Not Of The World!***

**8. Let’s Take A Moment To Dive More Deeply Into The Definition Of The Term, “The World.” In Biblical Terms, What Does It Mean To Be “Of The World?”**

**9. Amazingly, This Same John Gives The Most Records The Most Precise Definition In Scripture.**

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1 John 2:16

**10. The Man Of A Worldly Mind, Is The One Whose Sole Focus – Affection – And Direction Of Life – Is Centered On, That Which Is Outlined In I John 2:16.**

**11. As *Imperfect*, *Bumbling*, And *Spiritually* Immature These Disciples Were, Who Can Tell The Class With Whom Are They Standing, At This Very Moment?**

**12. Where Was Judas At This Very Moment? (*Judas Was Man Of A Worldly Mind*)**

**13. Not Only Are The Disciples “Not Of This World,” Neither Are We!**

**14. Consider This Concerning The Things Of The World:**

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“There Will Come A Day, When You Will Have As Much Money As Bill Gates!”

**15. This Illustrates The Foolishness Of A *Worldly Mind*!**

**16. V. 17a – The Next Verse Begins With A Significant Word. What Is It? What Does It Mean? (*To Be Set Apart For The Use And Purposes Of God*)**

**17. Who Can Give Us The Three Realities Of Christian Sanctification?**

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We Are Sanctified

We Are Being Sanctified

We Shall Be Sanctified

**18. I Believe That Jesus Here, Is Speaking Of The Second Reality That We Call *Practical* *Salvation* – *Becoming More And More Like Christ In Our Everyday Lives.***

**19. V. 17b – Who Can Give Us In One Word, The Mechanism For This Practical Salvation?**

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Truth!

**20. According To Jesus, The Primary Catalyst For Our Practical Sanctification – Becoming More And More Useful For His Purposes – Is “Truth.”**

***That Which God Has Spoken/Decreed***

**That Is To Have A Knowledge Of God’s *Special Revelation* (As Opposed To *General Revelation*) To Us.**

**21. (Slide 8)**

The Knowledge Of Truth Begins With The Revelation Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ; And From There, Reaches Into Every Aspect Of Our Life, Whereby We Begin To View And Understand All Things Pertaining To Life, With The Mind Of Christ.

**22. V. 17c – We Have Discovered That The Thing That Causes Us To Grow In God, Is Knowing More And More Of His Truth.**

**According To Jesus In This Verse, What Then Is The Source Of Truth?**

**23. (Slide 9)**

The *Logos* Of God – All That He Has Uttered And Decreed.

**24. Those, Who Do Not Give Themselves To The Study And Knowledge Of The Logos, Given To Us In Scripture, Will Never Experience Growth In Their Christian Experience.**