

Connecting Minds

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31)

The Gospel of John

Chapter 17:10

"And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them."

Jesus has been praying to the Father and He is about to ask His first petition for the people that God has given to Him, which is in the next verse. To this point Jesus has been laying the foundation, or giving the reasons for God's interest in hearing His petition. This verse is yet another reason.

Before we look at the argument first note how this verse points to the divinity of Jesus Christ. He says "All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine..." Jesus is here claiming to be one with God in equal possession. Matthew Henry writes "Every creature must say to God, 'All mine are thine,' but none can say to him 'All thine are mine,' but He that is the same in substance."¹

As to the argument itself, Jesus is about to ask the Father that He keep His people, that He protect those that had been given to Him. Jesus' words "All Mine are Yours" pleads for the granting of this petition by saying that these people are also the Father's. There is a common interest in them. Earlier Jesus had said "They were yours" (verse 6) but now He says that they *are* God's. The Father and Son are One. Jesus is saying "Father protect them. You gave them to Me but they are Yours too." This truth should give us great comfort in this life because we are in the care of both the Father and the Son. Both Father and Son have taken a strong interest in our protection, sanctification and preservation.

Next Jesus says "And I am glorified in them..." What a statement! Jesus' first petition (verse 1) was that the Father would glorify Him - "Glorify Your Son..." This is how to pray with our Father. Listen to what Jesus is saying here. He says "I pray for these people, the people You have given Me. Keep them, sanctify them, preserve them *for* I am glorified in them. Father, You

¹Matthew Henry's Commentary, vol. 5, Matthew Henry, pg. 934

answer My first petition by now hearing and answering My prayers for the people You gave Me.”

How do Christians glorify the Son? Look at the things that Jesus says in this prayer. Verse 8 – we glorify the Son by receiving the truth of Christ and believing it. Verse 13 – we glorify the Son by expressing joy in the truth of Christ. Verse 15 - we glorify the Son by persevering in the truth through the midst of tribulations. Verse 18 - we glorify the Son by telling others about the truth of Christ. Verse 19 - we glorify the Son by being sanctified by the truth of Christ. And verse 22 - we glorify the Son by being one with each other in Christ. A Christian glorifies the Lord Jesus by showing the world that Jesus is who He claimed to be and that He has done what He claimed to do.

“The chief end of man is to glorify God *and* enjoy Him forever” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Answer #1). A joy that cannot be shouted from the rooftop is an ache in the heart. Imagine trying to glorify God without enjoying Him. It is impossible. “I am glorified in them...” What a great privilege it is for us to be able to glorify our Lord and Saviour each day of our lives. Does it excite you? Does it thrill your soul? At the same time, does it humble you? Does it sadden you at your lack of effort many times? We should be encouraged and filled with everlasting joy at the blessed and gracious spirit-empowered ability we have to be able to bring glory to our blessed Lord. And in bringing glory to Christ we bring joy to ourselves.

TableTalk

If it is true that we glorify the Son by the things mentioned in this *Issue*, then we bring ill repute upon the Son by doing the opposite. So in what ways can a Christian bring dishonour to the name and work of Christ?