

TEXT: John 17:6-23 **THEME:** "Getting It"

INTRODUCTION: John 17:20 — "My prayer is **not for them alone**. I pray **also for those who will believe in me through their message.**"

THEME: GETTING TRUE CHRISTIANITY

I. GETTING IT IS SOMETHING GOD DOES IN US

John 17:6 — "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; **you gave them to me** and they have obeyed your word."

John 17:9 — "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for **those you have given me**, for they are yours."

John 6:65 — He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me **unless the Father has enabled him.**"

DO YOU "GET IT?"

You sit here

by the grace of God

(Eph 2:8 — For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...)

by God's choosing

(John 15:16 — You did not choose me, but I chose you...)

by the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life

(1 Cor 12:3 — ...no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.)

You are a **God event** on this earth.

II. GETTING IT MEANS UNDERSTANDING WHO JESUS IS

John 17:8 — They knew with certainty that **I came from you**, and they believed that you sent me.

Colossians 1:15 — Who is the **image of invisible God**... KJV

Colossians 2:9 — For in Him dwells all the **fullness of the Godhead bodily**... KJV

The unbreakable connection between God and Jesus

1 John 5:11-12 — And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

2 John 9 — Anyone who runs ahead and **does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God**; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

III. GETTING IT MEANS WE UNDERSTANDS WHO WE ARE

WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE WORD

John 17:6 — "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and **they have obeyed your word.**"

John 17:17 — Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth.**

Psalms 1:1-3 — Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his **delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night**. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

WE ARE NOT PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

John 17:14-16 — I have given them your word and the **world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world**. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.**

John 17:11 — I will remain in the world no longer, but they are **still in the world**, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name

James 4:4 — ...don't you know that **friendship with the world is hatred toward God**? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

1 Corinthians 7:31 — ...those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

IV. GETTING IT IS TO DREAM HIS DREAM

John 17:20-23 — "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **that all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so **that the world may believe** that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one**: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to **complete unity to let the world know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

THAT WE WOULD ALL BE ONE

THAT THE WORLD WOULD BELIEVE

