

"Jesus Intercedes For Us All" | John 17:6-21 | "The Final Words" Lent Sermon Series

In the prayer in John 17 we are able to listen in to a conversation between the Son and the Father. We are taken into the very heart of God – we can come to know God and his heart for us. How might this privilege shape the way we understand God and give us confidence in our own prayer?

The fact that Jesus makes us citizens of the kingdom of heaven doesn't mean we are otherworldly. It means that Jesus liberates us to live in this world in a manner that is true to the way God designed this world to function (a way of sacrificial living which Jesus himself exemplified). How might this challenge the way we think about our daily life?

In Romans 8:34 Paul says that Jesus is still interceding for us at the right hand of God. How should we understand Paul since Jesus is already sitting at the right hand of the Father? In what way is Jesus still interceding for us?

As the one through whom this world was created Jesus has more right to call this world his own than any of us yet on the cross he allowed us to treat him as the outsider, the one who does not belong here (the world hated him). How might this challenge our tendency to treat others as outsiders?

Through the cross Jesus exposes the true consequences of human rebellion against God. At the heart of that rebellion is our rejection of God and God's desires for us (and ultimately our rejection of Jesus). How can we learn to allow the cross to expose the temptation to suggest that God's will and our own will coincide?