

*Daily Devotional Guide to
the Book of John*

John Chapter 17

Days 189 - 195

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A Daily Devotional Study Of The Gospel Of John

You will need a Bible of your own to do this devotional study. Reading the Bible with an open heart and mind brings us into God's presence, and getting to know God is accomplished by spending time with him on a daily basis. This study is designed to develop or maintain the habit of meeting daily with God, sometimes referred to as a devotional time with God. It doesn't have to take a large chunk of time, but it needs to be focused on the Scriptures (the Bible). It doesn't have to cover a lot of material or content every day, it just needs to be understood and applied to our lives.

The study days are numbered so that you can do them any day of the week, preferably one each day. However, if you miss a day, it won't matter because the days are not assigned a date or day of the week.

My approach to the study is a verse by verse exploration and application of God's Word to our lives. This is an *inductive* study, which means that we derive meaning from the Biblical text itself rather than from outside sources. The passages for each day are short, to enable you to focus more in depth on a few verses at a time. I frequently bring additional Scripture into the discussion in an effort to ensure accurate interpretation of the day's topics.

How This Devotional Study Works

1. In your Bible, look up and read the verses for the day.
2. Write the first verse for the day in the top left space under *What it Says* (Row 1, Column 1).
3. Working left to right, read the comments in the *Meanings/Principles* space (Row 1, Column 2).
4. Then, write your answers to the questions to clarify *What it Means to Me* (Row 1, Column 3).
5. Continue by writing the next verse in Row 2, Column 1, reading Row 2 Column 2, and writing answers to questions in Row 2, Column 3.
6. Continue working left to right as you go down the page.

To summarize, first read through the verses in John for the day. Then write exactly what the first verse says in the first column. (*Write each verse word for word, exactly as it appears in the Bible in column one.*) After you write out each verse, read the second column that clarifies the important information given in that verse and then answer the questions in column three related to the verse. (*Work left to right. It is important to answer each question based on the verse and its meaning in column two.*)

You may choose to either 1) print pages and write in the spaces provided or 2) enter your responses on your computer. If you use your computer you can save your work, then come back and print at any time. If your response exceeds the space allowed you can scroll the text area to see the complete text; but if you print, some of the text may be hidden.

What It Says	Meaning/Principles	What It Means to Me
<p>John 17:1</p>	<p>After Jesus told the disciples that he would die, rise again, and return to the Father in Heaven, Jesus knew that the time was very near. He wanted his life and death to bring glory to God.</p>	<p>What do I want out of my life and my death?</p> <p>How was God the Father glorified by Jesus?</p> <p>How was Jesus glorified by God in life and death?</p>
<p>John 17:2</p>	<p>Jesus has authority from God the Father to give eternal life.</p>	<p>How do I know I have eternal life? (John 5:24-30)</p> <p>How can I help others gain eternal life? (John 5:24)</p>

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<p>John 17:3</p>	<p>God defines eternal life as knowing him and his Son.</p>	<p>Why does knowing God and his Son, Jesus, equate with having eternal life?</p>
<p>John 17:4</p>	<p>Jesus accomplished what God sent him to accomplish.</p>	<p>Why was Jesus' obedience so important?</p>
<p>John 17:5</p>	<p>Jesus was with God and was God before the world was even created (John 1:1-3). After his death and resurrection, he returned to heaven and to his position of glory.</p>	<p>How does knowing that I have a glorious future with Jesus and the Father in Heaven help me with obedience here and now?</p>

Day 189 **Read John 17:1-5**

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<p>John 17:6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 300px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Jesus said that God gave him people to reveal the Father to.</p>	<p>How is Jesus' mission from God described in this verse?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Then what is my mission from God?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>John 17:7</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 250px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Those who were seeking God recognized him in Jesus.</p>	<p>Where do those seeking God need to look? Why?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 250px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<p>John 17:8</p>	<p>Jesus was accurate and faithful in representing God and in relaying God's words to his followers. Because of Jesus' obedience and faithfulness, it became clear to the disciples that he truly came from God and they were able to accept his words.</p>	<p>How accurate and faithful am I in representing God and in relaying his word to others?</p> <p>Is my obedience and faithfulness enabling others to believe Jesus' words about the Father?</p>

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<p>John 17:9</p>	<p>Jesus prays for and intercedes for his followers. Followers of Jesus belong to God. Jesus prayed aloud this time so that the apostles would hear that God had given them to Jesus.</p>	<p>What difference does it make to me that Jesus is praying for me?</p> <p>Based on this verse, how do I know that I am acceptable to God?</p> <p>Whether I am Jewish or not Jewish, what things are in God's plan for me? (Ephesians 2:11-22)</p>
<p>John 17:10</p>	<p>Jesus and God are one. The belief of the apostles brought glory to Jesus and to our Heavenly Father. (John 6:66-69)</p>	<p>How has the belief of the apostles resulted in bringing glory to Jesus and to our Heavenly Father over the last 2,000 years?</p>

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<p>John 17:11</p>	<p>Jesus was going to the cross, the resurrection, and the ascension but his followers would be left in the world without him. Jesus' prayers are in the name and power of the Father in Heaven because God gave Jesus his name and power. Jesus prayed for the protection of his followers. A related purpose of God's protection is for the body of Christ to be one. (We will look at this again later, in verse 23.)</p>	<p>The apostles were protected through the brutal crucifixion events that Jesus suffered for their sakes. They continued to be protected until Jesus came back to life and appeared to them in a new, resurrected body and their faith in who he is came to maturity. In addition to protecting our physical bodies, what is God ultimately concerned with protecting? Why? (See Jesus' words to Saul when telling him his new identity and future as the Apostle Paul in Acts 26:17-18.)</p>

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<p>John 17:12</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1016"></div>	<p>Jesus kept the apostles safe by the power of God. Judas' act of betrayal was foretold in Psalm 41:9. It was necessary for Jesus to be betrayed in order for Jesus to be handed over to die on a cross, lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (John 3:14, 8:28, 12:32, 12:34-50).</p>	<p>What definition of "lost" applies to Judas?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 525"></div> <p>To what purposes is Jesus praying for my protection?</p> <div data-bbox="789 562 1524 1016"></div>

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<p>John 17:13</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 875"></div>	<p>Jesus told the disciples he was going to the Father so that they would not be destroyed by the coming events. Jesus wants us to live in joy.</p>	<p>Has joy been a major part of my life? Why or why not?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 875"></div>
<p>John 17:14</p> <div data-bbox="100 928 428 1482"></div>	<p>If we belong to Jesus and God's word is in us, the ungodly elements in the world will not appreciate us as we try to live a godly life.</p>	<p>In Hebrews 12:14, what are two of the things God asks me to do while living in this ungodly world?</p> <div data-bbox="789 959 1524 1482"></div>

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<p>John 17:15</p>	<p>Jesus <i>wants</i> his followers to be in the world, so he intercedes for our protection from evil.</p>	<p>What sometimes makes me long to leave this world and be with Jesus?</p> <p>Did I know that Jesus prays for his followers to be protected from the evil one? Does it help me to know this?</p>
<p>John 17:16</p>	<p>When we belong to Jesus, we identify with Jesus rather than with ungodliness.</p>	<p>What principles or truths can help me to live in this world with joy? (verses 13, 14, 15, 16)</p>

Day 192 **Read John 17:13-16**

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<p>John 17:17</p>	<p>Jesus wants us to be in God's word so that his truth cleans us, and purifies us, and sets us apart for his good work.</p>	<p>In God's eyes, what sanctifies (makes holy or acceptable to God)? (Acts 26:18)</p> <p>Based on John 17:17, how do I know I am indeed being sanctified (purified, made holy, and set apart for God's work) on an ongoing basis?</p>
<p>John 17:18</p>	<p>Our purpose is to be salt and light in the world. (Matthew 5:13-16)</p>	<p>How is this purpose reflected in my everyday life?</p>

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<p>John 17:19</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1012"></div>	<p>Jesus purified himself and set himself apart for God's purposes in order to make it possible for us to live holy lives. He did it for us.</p>	<p>What are some of the reasons my holiness is important? (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 625"></div> <p>How do I go about living a holy life? (Romans 12:1-2)</p> <div data-bbox="789 697 1524 1012"></div>

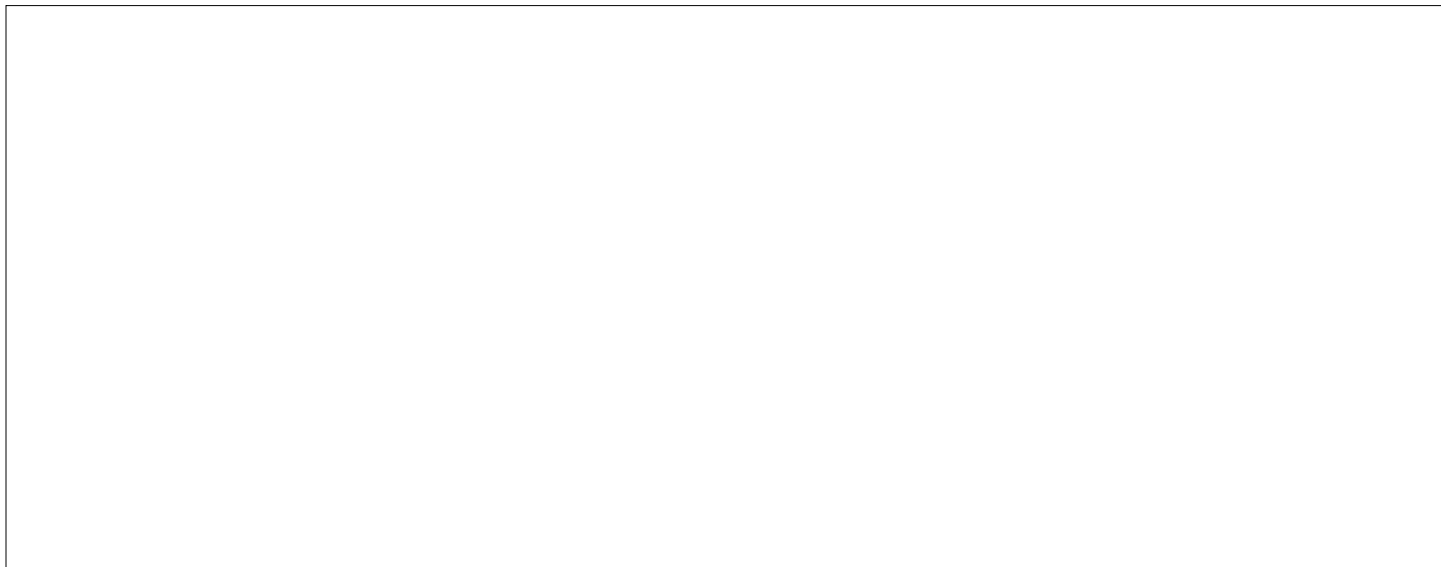
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<p>John 17:20</p>	<p>Jesus knew that the disciples would take the message of who he is, to the world after he went to heaven to be with the Father. He prayed for all those who would believe and follow him because of their testimony. He prayed for <i>us</i>!</p>	<p>How do I feel, knowing that Jesus looked ahead through the centuries and knew that I would believe and follow him?</p>
<p>John 17:21</p>	<p>Jesus prayed from the beginning for all of his followers to be united and for all of us to be in him and the Father. Our position with Jesus and the Father enables others to see and believe.</p>	<p>Belief in what essential truths unite all real followers of Jesus? (I John 4:15; I John 4:2; I Corinthians 1:23; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11)</p> <p>Today, how can my staying connected to Jesus Christ help others believe that God sent Jesus?</p>

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<p>John 17:22</p>	<p>God gave of his own glory to his Son, Jesus. Jesus shares his glory with us in order to unite us with him and the Father in Heaven.</p>	<p>What are some of the points in Jesus' life when God particularly revealed that he gave his glory to his Son? (Luke 2:8-11; Luke 2:22-32; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 7:12-16; Luke 9:28-32; John 11:40-44; Matthew 28:1-8)</p>
<p>John 17:23</p>	<p>Jesus is in his followers as much as God is in Jesus. Our unity in Jesus shows the world that God loves us because he sent Jesus and loves Jesus. God revealed his love for us by sending Jesus.</p>	<p>What can I do this week to use my position in Christ to reveal God's love to those around me?</p>

Day 194 **Read John 17:20-23**

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<p>John 17:24</p>	<p>Jesus wants us to be with him in heaven. He wants us to see that the Father has loved him since before the world was created, and that the Father gives him great glory and honor in heaven.</p>	<p>How much does God love Jesus? How do I know? (See yesterday's study of John 17:20-23)</p>
<p>John 17:25</p>	<p>The world doesn't know God, what he's like, what is important to him. It is important for us to know that Jesus came from God and knows God intimately.</p>	<p>How can I get to know God intimately? How can I help others along their journey of discovering and knowing God intimately?</p>

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<p>John 17:26</p>	<p>Jesus' job is to represent God, to tell us about him, to reveal what is important to God. This revelation of God allows God's love to dwell in us. It allows Jesus to dwell in us.</p>	<p>How much does God love us? How do I know? (John 3:16; I John 3:1-3; Ephesians 2:4-10)</p> <p>How can my understanding of the immense measure of God's love benefit me and overflow to those around me today? (Ephesians 3:14-21)</p>

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