

BJ19 The Faith Of Jesus Christ

Hebrews 12:2 KJV Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Galatians 2:20 KJV I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The joy set before Him was saving us from spiritual death. The joy set before Him was pleasing the Father who considered all of humanity to be His lost children. Like the parents of the children who perished in the recent flood in Texas, the Father loved and grieved over each and every one of them. Those parents would have given anything to get their children back from the dead. God's love did do something to get as many of His children as possible back from the dead.

John 3:16 KJV For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rescuing us from spiritual death and pleasing the Father was the joy that caused Jesus to endure the cross. But there is more that was in His mind that day. What was Jesus believing? What did He believe would happen. What was the faith of the Son of God?

Jesus believed the Father would raise Him from the dead, glorify His body and bring Him to heaven's throne, and that He would become the "Adam" of a new species of people who would be born of His own spirit. Jesus believed His ministry on earth was not coming to an end. He believed it was about to be multiplied millions of times over through the bodies of believers around the world. That's why He said,

John 14:12-14 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. [13] And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,

that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

In the four gospels, we are seldom allowed to hear the prayers of Jesus to the Father. I am speaking of those times of intimacy when it was just Jesus alone in prayer. Other than just a very few times (like in the garden of Gethsemane), even the disciples were not allowed to be there to hear what Jesus prayed to the Father. Otherwise, they would have given us record of what was said.

But the last prayer Jesus prayed before He was arrested for trial was in the presence of the disciples, and John made record of it for us. I consider John chapter seventeen to be the Holy of Holies of the Bible. The is God the Son praying to God the Father. If ever there was a prayer uttered on earth that shall be answered, it is this one. This prayer reveals much about the faith of Jesus Christ, what He was believing when He agreed to willingly go to the cross.

To do justice to the prayer of Jesus in John chapter seventeen would take an entire series of its own, and we may do that if the Lord wills. But for today, I am going to zero in on the "faith of Jesus" as it pertains to His ministry continuing after His death, burial and resurrection.

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1. He is the Seed of Life that will bring spiritually dead people to life again.
 - a. **John 17:2-3 KJV As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. [3] And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**
2. He would send us into the world to continue the same work that the Father sent Him to do.
 - a. **John 17:18 KJV As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**
3. This prayer applied not just to the first apostles, but to all people down through the ages who heard and believed the gospel of the kingdom of God.
 - a. **John 17:20 KJV Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

4. That all believers would become one with God in absolute vertical unity. And this oneness would be demonstrated so the world would believe that the Father had sent Jesus, the Word, into us believers.
 - a. **John 17:21 KJV That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**
5. Jesus believed we would have the same glory that He had. The glory of sonship.
 - a. **John 17:22 KJV And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:**
 - b. We are one with God, through the life of Christ in us.
 - i. **1 Corinthians 6:17 KJV But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.**
 - ii. **1 Corinthians 6:17 AMPC But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.**
 - iii. **THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, THAT HE WOULD BECOME ONE SPIRIT WITH US.**
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 2. **Philippians 1:21 KJV For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**
6. He believed His ministry would continue to save out of the world as many dead children as possible so they could be rescued from the flood of spiritual death.
 - a. **John 17:23 KJV I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**
 - b. **THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW. GOD WANTS THE WHOLE WORLD SAVED.**
 - i. **2 Peter 3:9 KJV The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, but that all should come to repentance.**
7. The foundation of faith is the love of God.
 - a. **John 17:26 KJV And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**