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OUR LORD'S PRAYER – JOHN 17

LESSON 4, VS. 2 (C)

In John 17:2 Jesus, in praying to the Father, speaks of giving eternal life ***“to as many as thou hast given Him (Jesus).”*** Six times in this chapter Jesus speaks of those whom the Father gave Him.

Twice in verse 6 He said, ***“The men which thou gavest me”*** and ***“Thine they were, and thou gavest them (to) me.”*** Again in V. 9 He says, ***“them which thou hast given me...”*** and v. 11 says, ***“those whom thou hast given me...”*** and in v. 24 it says, ***“...whom thou hast given me...”*** Having stated it six times must mean it is significant. All of them belonged to God the Father, and He gave to Jesus all that would believe on His name. (John 1:12.)

This is verified in Psalm 24:1, ***“The earth is the LORD'S (Yahweh, Jehovah) and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.”*** God did not say here that only part of “they that dwell therein” belonged to Him. He said that ALL of them belonged to Him. This is because all were created by Him, so they all belong to Him.

Satan has stolen many from Him, but He, the Creator, is still the rightful owner. This is why Father can give those to Jesus who choose to follow Him. They are redeemed from sin and death and given to the Son. Jesus will keep and preserve those whom the Father has given to Him. That means every born-again believer. Our faith on Jesus and the efficacy of His shed blood assures us a place with Him in eternity.

I belong to Jesus. How about you?