

**Prayer & Sacrifice**  
**John 17-18**  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the events of John 17 & 18.

- Intro: 1. Christ sets forth the greatest examples for us to follow.  
2. We must follow those examples.

I. A Prayer of Jesus (John 17)

- A. Jesus prays to His Father (Jn 17:1-5)
1. The time has come (v.1), I have done what you sent me to do (v.2-5).
  2. Christ prayer focuses on unity, what can we learn from this?
    - a. We must have the same focus as Christ; obedience and unity in the Truth.
      1. Unity is done in truth not diversity  
**a. Philippians 1:27; 2:2**
- B. Jesus prays for the Apostles (Jn 17:6-19)
1. What He gave them (taught them) was God's Word (v.6-8)
    - a. What they were given is the same doctrine we teach today.
      1. **Jude 1:3**
  2. Christ empathizes the importance of the faithfulness while in the world (v.9-19)
    - a. **Revelation 2:10**
- C. Jesus prays for all the believers (Jn 17:20-26)
1. Christ prays for those who would believe that they would be one (v.20-23)
    - a. Christ prayer here is in opposition to the "attend the church of your choice" idea that so many abide by today.
      - i. **Matthew 22:16**
      - ii. **Matthew 15:9**
  2. Christ's prayer shows His strong desire for mankind to be in Heaven (v.24).
    - A. **Luke 19:10**
  3. Christ's prayer desires for mankind to know the love of God and to be in the love of God (v.25-26).
  4. God's love for mankind is seen throughout the gospels and is on display in chapter 18 as well.

II. The Betrayal, Arrest, and Trial of Jesus (John 18)

- A. Jesus is betrayed and arrested (John 18:1-11)
1. Judas betrays Christ (v.1-2)
  2. The purpose of the soldiers coming
    - a. They come looking for Christ (v.4-7)
  3. Jesus showed concern for his followers (v.8-11)
    - a. His request (v.8-9)
    - b. The warning against violence (v.10-11)
- B. Jesus' trial and appearance before leaders (John 18:12-40)
1. Jesus is bound (v.12-14)
  2. Jesus is bullied (v.19-23)

3. Jesus is put to the test in unfair hearings & unlawful hearings (v.24-32).
4. The conversation between Pilate & Jesus (v.33-38).
5. Christ exchanged for Barabbas (v.39-40)
- C. Peter denies Christ (John 18:15-18, 18:24-27)
  1. Peter denies his faith before a young girl (v.15-18)
  2. He denies the accusation of being a follower of Christ (v.25)
  3. A relative of the soldier whose ear Peter cut off accuses Peter, Peter denies Christ a third time (v.26-27)

### III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. We should pray for the same things that Christ prayed about.
  1. Christ prayed for mankind, despite knowing what the future held.
    - i. **Mark 8:31**
- B. The prayer & sacrifice of Christ were selfless and are lives should be as well.
  1. Christ never sought His own will, but only the will of the Father
    - a. **John 4:34**
    - b. **Romans 12:1**

### Application & Conclusion:

1. As Christians we are to follow the example of Christ in everything.
  - a. **1 John 2:6**
2. He is selfless, loving, caring, and He seeks to save the souls of men and so should we!
3. Full Invitation

### Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

### Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9