

Scriptural Charge and Exhortation

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

– Jesus

Knowing, Loving, Serving Christ ... Together

Week 1 : John 17:1-5

Week 2 : John 17:6-10

Week 3 : John 17:11-15

Week 4 : John 17:16-21

Week 5 : John 17:22-26

REVIEW John 17

Why Memorize Scripture? By John Piper

CONFORMITY TO CHRIST - Bible memorization has the effect of making our gaze on Jesus steadier and clearer.

DAILY TRIUMPH OVER SIN - As sin lures the body into sinful action, we call to mind a Christ-revealing word of Scripture and slay the temptation with the superior worth and beauty of Christ over what sin offers.

DAILY TRIUMPH OVER SATAN - When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness he recited Scripture from memory and put Satan to flight.

COMFORT AND COUNSEL FOR PEOPLE YOU LOVE - When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of God's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth.

COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL TO UNBELIEVERS - Actual verses of the Bible have their own penetrating power. And when they come from our heart, as well as from the Book, the witness is given that they are precious enough to learn.

COMMUNION WITH GOD IN THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS PERSON AND WAYS - The way we commune with (that is, fellowship with) God is by meditating on his attributes and expressing to him our thanks and admiration and love, and seeking his help to live a life that reflects the value of these attributes.

Week 1 : John 17:1-5

- 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,
- 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
- 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
- 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Week 3 : John 17:11-15

- 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.
- 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
- 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

Week 2 : John 17:6-10

- 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.
- 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
- 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

Week 4 : John 17:16-21

- 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
- 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
- 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Week 5 : John 17:22-26

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”