

GROWING IN GOD

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GIG284 – Receive God’s Glory, Oneness, and Love

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. This is a special edition for our *Growing In God* podcast, as it is produced from a Zoom call that we at Hargrave Ministries have occasionally with our donors. When we have these times together and feel it is important for others to be a part of what we are discussing, we create the meeting into a podcast for release. So I hope that you will enjoy this podcast; and if you like being a part of these discussions, I would encourage you to go to our website at hargraveministries.org and join our Fellow Workers.

I want to start by reading some verses out of John 17. This actually was something that was a focus for our prayer group last Saturday when we were praying together and these verses came out. One of the people there saw this and read it, and boy, it just lit a fire in all of us and we determined to spend this last week all focused on this daily and continuing to stay into these verses out of John 17. And so I want to read them to you, because I think that it opens a door for us and we should all participate. I would like to see this group of people really doing what we did in the last week, and I do not mind spending another week on these verses myself, really focused on what they are saying and the meaning that they should have to us.

So I am going to read out of John 17, starting with verse 22. I think that with our prayer group, we actually started in verse 20, so you can go back to that as you read it later on. It says, “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them.” Now as we know, this is Yeshua speaking to the Father; and this is with the disciples being around and just prior to the crucifixion. So it was an amazing timeframe of what was going on, and we just need to place ourselves in the reality of what Christ is saying to the Father. What He is asking from the Father, what He is stating to the Father, are all very powerful statements.

“The glory which you have given Me I have given to them.” We stop right there, because I do not want to just read through these verses, I want us to recognize that everything that is being said here is true, and it has to do with you and me. One of the big concerns that I have is how religion tends to put everything in the past or in the future, both of which are kind of unattainable. Because you never get to the future, you only have now; and you cannot live in the past, because you are living now, you are not living in the past. But somehow religion seems to try to place everything there, and when that happens and when we are conditioned by that in our own minds, in our conscious, subconscious mind, it limits us in what we can do and what we can believe. The way it taints our believing, or our faith if you want to term it that way, is it makes it a head knowledge, or it makes it like something that we are supposed to be educated to understand. I do not think we are supposed to understand these things, I think we are supposed to live in them. Because, again, they are now. That is what He is saying: “The glory which you have given Me I have given them.” It is not, “I am going to give to them,” it is the fact that they have this glory now.

So if we just stop and think that we have the glory of Christ given to us now, to live in now, to relate to now, I think we could meditate on that a little bit and if we really grasp it, that should just blow our

minds. What should really blow our minds is how much we do not relate to what He is saying that way of it being real and being in our possession. It is something that was given to us to possess now, it is not something future. I mean, think about that: The glory which the Father gave to Christ, He gave to us. Now I have to ask myself, "Do I live in that glory?" Or is it a head knowledge, where I read that and go, "Yeah, the glory that was with Christ is given to us." Or, do I really think that I, me, can live in the glory of Christ that the Father gave to Him as a way of life on a daily basis in my now world that I am in? I think that for me, when this was read in the prayer group, I just went, "Whoa, wait a minute! I don't lay hold of this, I don't grasp that this is really a reality for me to experience." And I want to stop that way of relating and that way of thinking.

So He says, "I have given this to them." Then you go on to the next statement after the comma, and it says, "That they may be one." We have talked a lot about oneness over the years, and the reality of our oneness is that it comes out of this glory that has been given. It is not something that we try to work up. It is something that, if I would grasp and honestly inculcate into my being that I am living daily in the glory that the Father gave to Christ, it would change many things. One of the things that would change is the fact that it would bring oneness to me and those that are walking with God surrounding me; and really that oneness would manifest with all who believe. I think that in all we have gone through, maybe even over the last six years or so, we can look at that, because we were moving so much in a focus on oneness: a oneness with the Catholics, a oneness with the Jewish people, a oneness with ourselves in the body of people that we were in and the local churches that we were a part of. I think that people thought there was really a lot of oneness that existed among us; and yet, it is almost like what happened is God tested that and said, "Oops, I guess that was not a oneness born out of you living personally in the glory that Christ and I have, which made Us one." So that glory that existed made the Father and Christ one.

We know that there is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1.) So what we do is go, "Okay, round two." Let's really open our hearts to this Word and see God creating this in us – not by works, or not by head knowledge, or not because we know this is the way it should be and we have read this verse over and over, but by having the glory exist in our lives daily and that glory creating it for us, just like it created it for the Father and the Son. So I am going to read verses 22-23 again and see if it means anything different to you now: "The glory which You have given Me" speaking to the Father, "I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one." Just as We are one – Wow, that is a high standard of oneness, but it is created out of the reality of this glory. Then He goes on to kind of define it a little bit: "I in them and You in Me," speaking again to the Father, You Father in Me, "that they may be perfected in unity," or in the Greek, it is better translated *into one*, "so that the world may know that You sent Me."

A lot of times when we read this and get into this verse, we kind of stop there with, "Wow, we need to be one, because if we are one and when we are one, the world will know that the Father sent Christ into the earth." That has always been the emphasis that I have had with this; it is almost like somebody put a period after, "may know that You sent Me, period." It just stops there. But interestingly enough, it does not stop there; it goes on to say, "You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me." Now I wish this would really hit our hearts and we could open to it, because, like I said, I realize how much I just pass over it because it is almost such an unbelievable statement. It is so powerful to come to the honest realization that God loves you just as He loved Christ. Now, does anybody here struggle with that a little bit? Have you ever struggled over that? It is the reality that God the Father loves you the exact same way that He loved Christ while He was in the earth, and that He loves Christ now. That love is what

is being beamed towards us. And the Scripture talks about how the power that is being beamed towards us is to be our reality.

I want us to get this, and I have, gosh, notes and notes here; but you know what I think I am going to do? I think I am going to really stop, because I think that the impact of this can be lost if we go on talking about how it works in the subconscious mind, and how we really do not hold onto this. I want us to get this. And this is where we, in the last week with our prayer group, said that we need to just concentrate on this. We need to read this over and read it over until it is not a head knowledge, it is not something that I say, "I can believe," but it is something that literally bowls me over to the point where I am on my face before God to recognize that God the Father loves me exactly like He loves His Son. That is a challenge to our carnal mind. And I have one solution for that: Let's get over it. Let's just get over it, and realize that His Word is true. He is the way, the truth, the life, and these words are true to us. His glory has been given to us, now, and the love of the Father. Remember, Christ came to reconcile us to the Father, and He came to reconcile us to that level of love, and that is the power of it. And I think it is time that we start living what we have been hearing.

We have talked a lot today about the living Word and our love for the living Word. But I will tell you, if we cannot receive the living Word we have had on this level, where it is our absolute, experiential reality, then we are not open, or hearing, or something. Whatever way each of us is missing it, that is what we have to get over. And I believe that we can, and I believe that we are moving into a time frame, a window, where we can open our hearts to the Lord and to His Word. His Word is a seed planted in our heart; you do not force it to grow, it will grow. If we just change something of this impossibility that this could be the case in our life, the seed will grow. He is at work in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). And His good pleasure, the Father's good pleasure, is that you know how much He loves you, and that you come to the revelation that as He loves His Son, so He loves you. That is really why the Son was sent. God so loved the world, but He could not get it across, so He sent His Son to get it across. But isn't it interesting that, and I will speak for myself, it still did not get across to me. But I will tell you, I am ready to end that. I am ready to have that change. He loves me as He loved Christ, as He loves Christ.

And so, I just bless this to all of us moving forward. Let's just read these verses, John 17:20- 26. I think they go on being this explosive, but like I said, I do not want to lose something here. Keep this in your private time, let's really let this come alive and work in our hearts.

Lord, we open our hearts to Your Word, and we let and allow Your Word to work its reality into our hearts so that it is not a matter of faith, it is a matter of knowing. We need to know the love of God. Isn't that what the Scripture says? "That we might know the love of God" (Ephesians 3:19.) We need to know Your love for us. Believe me, that would bring more healing, it would bring more deliverance, it would bring more release to us than we can possibly imagine. So let's do that. And you know what? If we get this, we can give it to the world.

So I bless this time. Thank you guys so much for being here. Love you all.