

## John 17:24-26, 17:6, 1:14-18

Today we need to begin at the end. Why? Because our next verse, v6, points to something so profound and deeply touching, and which burns so divinely hot, that to even begin to let it sizzle into our hearts and souls and warm us down to our toes, to have any hope of getting the full heating effect, we need to search out and understand where the oxygen comes from that fans it into such blazing heat!

The love of Father and Son, revealed to and in us who believe

Here's where we're going  
today

Quick flight, bird's-eye view of John 17			
The 3 Great Words in John 17		The 4 Great Doctrines in John 17	
Glory	vv1-5	Salvation	vv1-5
Kept	vv6-19	Preservation	vv11-16
One	vv20-26	Sanctification	vv17-19
		Glorification	vv20-26

17:24-26, Our Savior, Jesus, approaches the Father again with intimacy of heart and word, and expresses to His Father his intense, single-minded desire, and out of that, his set purpose (*thelo*) in the coming events of the cross, death, burial, resurrection and everything that follows along. His purpose and goal in that is that the Eleven, and everyone who would believe in their gospel message (v20), would be, body and soul, transformed and translated. Translated to actually be, and be able to be, with the Lord in that place and state of being, where they will see with their own glorified eyes, and be bathed in and personally participate in the energy and power of the divine glory of Christ. We're speaking of that glory which bursts forth from the intimacy of fellowship of the divine Being, Eternal Father and Son and Spirit.

And what is the essence, the pure oxygenated fuel that blows on and heats and continually drives the burning outburst of flashes and pulses of the divine glory? It is found in the last parts of v24: *"for you loved me before the foundation of the world"* and v26, *"so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."* The eternal love between the Father and the Son and the Spirit is that stream of essential oxygen-rich fuel that super-heats the glow of the divine fellowship and sends forth its blinding white hot glory to the delighted benefit and eternal health of the saved.

These three verses capture a magnificent and tireless truth worth pondering and enjoying and telling others about, forever: It is found in **1John 4:16**:

*We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love,** and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

**Verses 24-26 shout out our Savior's desire and will and plan**, that the Eleven, and you and I, and all who are in Christ through the faith that they preached, that each one of us will be enveloped and energized and charged and infused with no less than the Trinity's glory of love and adoration and happiness that is forever fellowship in their midst.

**V26 is our key to understanding more fully the meaning of v6.** Please compare them.

...and I have made **Your name** known to them, and will make it known...

v6 "I have manifested **Your name** to the men whom You gave Me out of the world;"

The **name of the Father** is not merely His handle. To know His name is to know by experience and knowledge, His very character and attributes. Jesus the Son of God in flesh has, through his bearing, his teaching, his actions and his attitudes, and finally by his sacrifice of love for the disciples (and us) revealed the nature of the Father:

### **GOD IS LOVE!**

Now look at v6 in you Bible and let's apply the *true implications* of Jesus' prayer from v24-26 which really expound and explain v6,

**IN LOVE**, I have manifested **Your name** to the men whom You gave Me out of the world;" **IN LOVE**, they were Yours, Father.

**IN LOVE**, You, Father, gave them to Me. **IN LOVE**, they have kept Your word.

The nature of Father, Son and Spirit is writ in large, unmistakable letters for us in the incarnation, life and death of Christ: **GOD IS LOVE!**

Just as the writing of the hand of God's indelible judgment was on the wall of Belshazzar for rejecting God, so the writing of the the hand of God's indelible glory of love is written on the wall of the believer's eternal home, in Christ Jesus.

**OH, SEE HOW I LOVE YOU!**

**Did you know that in the gospel of John the first 18 verses are the whole book?** The rest is just the details and proofs of the feast that is laid out in those few verses?

So considering 17:6, let's look at 1:14-18 to find out what, "I have manifested your name" means in v6.

V14, In the incarnation of the divine, eternal Son, the God/Man lived among humans, and the disciples saw for themselves the glory of the Only-Begotten from the Father.

V15, Jesus was the God/man, the fulfillment of God's prophetic message from ages past.

V16, His fullness, His divine essence expressing itself in human action and obedience, the disciples have received *grace upon (anti) grace*. This *anti* speaks of two things: The grace given Moses via the Law *overwhelmed and replaced* by the much greater grace of Jesus Himself, God among us as true man, who condescended in love, and lived in love and who died in love and who rose in love... full of God's grace and truth! (see v17) And it speaks of wave after unending wave of greater and greater grace from God!

V18, No human, in their flesh, has looked directly at God in His divine essence. But the Son incarnate, abiding forever in perfect intimacy with the Father, exposted Him perfectly!