

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; Sermon: **Whose Are You?**;
Delivered on September 22, 2019, by Dr. Josh Moody, senior pastor

Bible text explored: John 17:9–10

⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Read Matt 6:24 and discuss how Jesus frames the 2 ultimate choices for answering this question “Whose are you?”.
2. “Free” and “trapped” are often used to describe one’s service to Jesus and the world / world order respectively.
 - a. What does it mean to be “free” when we belong to Jesus and our life is on the right path, going in the right direction?
 - b. What does it mean to be “trapped” by the world? How might the world / world order “trap” you? How might relationships “trap” you?
 - c. Is it possible to move from one master to the other and back again...and again...and again?

Dr. Moody detailed the following 3 ways to “*get completely free and belong to Jesus utterly and completely*”.

Receive forgiveness (John 17:9) – Jesus is leaving His disciples, commending them to His Father’s care and praying for them.

3. What are some specific things for which Jesus prays for His disciples, and for believers today?
4. “*At the heart of Christianity is grace and mercy, not what we can do for God.*” (Dr. Moody) – what does that imply and how does that “free” you and animate your service to God?
5. Jesus’s focus in v.9 is on his disciples, not the world. So how would you explain to a seeker how the following statements by Jesus can all be true. John 17:9a; John 17:21; Matt 5:44; Luke 23:34.

Pursue intimacy (John 17:9-10) – Jesus says “They’re Yours Lord, and now they’re Mine.” An awesome reality!

6. “*As I tell God everything it allows me to renew my intimacy with God*” (Dr. Moody). How might this apply to the various emotions and circumstances that affect your relationship with God, e.g., anger, joy, frustration, grief, disappointment, fractured relationships?
7. As the old saying goes, “*If you feel far away from God, guess who moved?*” How have you seen that play out in your own life?
8. We are part of God’s family and have an extraordinary covenant relationship with Him. How much does that reality affect your everyday life?

Dream big (John 17:10b)

9. What do you think Jesus meant by the phrase, “...I am glorified in them”?
10. What are some ways this amazing reality might change the way you look at your life, your purpose, your opportunities?

11. Dr. Moody identified 2 trends that have negatively affected “the Western Christian church”. How do these trends influence your perception of and relationship with Jesus Christ? How have you seen these trends play out in your life, in the life of your local church, in the lives of the believers with whom you have relationships?
- a. Consumer mentality (everything is a market, bought and sold, goods and services will be available to satisfy your needs)
 - b. Deism (belief in the existence of a distant God who does not intervene in the universe He created)

The following link provides an illuminating one-page chronicle of the life journey of William Borden, heir to the Borden family fortune as he dedicated his life to God, confident in a journey with “no reserves, no retreats, no regrets”.

<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/regret.htm>

“O Christian, know whose you are. And know the treasures that you have in him.”
(John Piper)