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6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 "Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

9 "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. 12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. 14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 "They are not of the world, even 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, I also have sent them into the world. 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even 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 sent Me.

Their Future Glory

22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; 26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

We begin today in chapter 16 verse 33. We have some unfinished business there.

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Let's review where we left off.

/The believer in Christ exists in two realms: in Christ, and in the world. \

/In Christ, he has love, joy, and peace.\

Phil 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

/In Christ, we have every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Eph 1:3-4)\

/In Christ, we have our real life, which is eternal life. (Col 3:3; Rom 6:23) \

/In Christ, there is no condemnation. (Rom 8:1)\

/In Christ, we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Eph 1:7; Col 1:14)\

/In Christ, we are a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)\

/In Christ, we have become the righteousness of God. (2Co 5:21) Christ is our righteousness. (1Co 1:30) \

/Nothing will separate us from the love of in Christ Jesus our Lord, (Rom 8:39)\

/In Christ, we have liberty. (Gal 2:4)\

/In Christ, we have an inheritance. (Eph 1:10-12)\

/Because we are in Christ Jesus, in the ages to come, God will show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us (Eph 2:7)\

Phil 4:19-20

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

In Christ we have everything wonderful and peaceful and gracious and loving.

But the believer in Christ exists in two realms: in Christ, and in the world.

/In the world, he faces tribulation and hatred.\

John 15:18-21

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. 20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

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/The world hated Christ first; now we experience that same hatred.\

Phil 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

/2 Tim 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

John 16:33b "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

/Christ has defeated the world, overcome it. He did so at the cross, when He secured the victory over the ruler of this world and his associates.\

Col 2:13-15

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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/Just as we are sharers in His tribulation, so too are we sharers in His victory!\

In the world you have tribulation but take heart – Christ has overcome the world!

/And because He has, we -believers in Christ - have overcome the world also!\

1 John 5:4-5

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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The world has been crucified to us, and we to the world (Gal 6:14). The world has no power over us. /We are dead to the world, and the world is dead to us. \

In the world we have trouble. In Christ, we have the victory over tribulation.

Rom 8:35-37

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written,

*"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."*

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

John 16:33b "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

And this completes the teaching of Jesus to His disciples.

Now the hour has come for Him to die, be raised from the dead, and enter into His glory at the Right Hand of His Father.

/Jesus is going to leave the world, but His disciples will remain in the world.\

John 17:15-18

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/And just as the Father sent His Son into the world with a mission to save the world, Jesus will send His disciples into the world with a mission: to be His witnesses.\

And the world will be hostile to them. The world will do all it can to prevent them from carrying out their mission.

/So Jesus now turns to His Father in prayer.\

/First, He will ask the Father to glorify Him.\ He does not pray for His own sake, however. The glory which the Father will give Him leads to the Son returning the glory to the Father.

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/The Father will glorify the Son by leading Him the cross.\

/The Son will glorify the Father by dying on that cross to complete the work that His Father gave Him to perform.\

/Second, Jesus prays for His disciples.\ He asks the Father to protect them from the evil world.

/Finally, He prays for all who will believe in Him through the witness of His disciples\

/Chapter 17 is the greatest prayer in the Bible.\

/It moves from glory to glory.\ It begins with the glory of the Father and the Son. It ends with the hope of glory for the church.

/And it deals with ultimate things: eternal life, joy, holiness, truth, unity, and love.\

All wrapped up in glory. /It is, in a word, MAGNIFICENT.\

Next time, we will begin chapter 17 in earnest.