**BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

9/20 - BIBLE STUDY

**LET US PRAY**

**John 17:25-26**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER-**

**CONCLUSION/SUMMARY “STRETCH”**

Tonight will be a unique night in BMBC Study.

We will discuss as we normally do, but there will be an additional opportunity for you to ask questions and be provided answers as the Holy Spirit provides utterance…in real time.

My commitment, to each of you, is that answers will be provided to the best of our surrendered ability.  If there are questions that are needed to have more time to adequately be given by the guidance of the Holy Spirit to answer…we will take the necessary time for God’s glory.

We have delved into the thought of stretching this month and God has spoken.  Stretching has a way of acclimating you to the challenges of the environment to come and often times challenges us to wait.

Stretching is what God wants us to do in our lives in our Godward trust of who He is.

**No one, however, likes to be stretched.**

To have our faith stretched means we need to learn in the spiritual how to be flexible and bendable in the hands of God. This is our saviors prayer in John 17.

**Jesus desired, as I RQ define it…Help them, whom you’ve given me, to stretch IN FAITH what they can only see in flesh!**

**QUESTION: AS A BELIEVER, HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO STRETCH YOUR FAITH?**

John 5:25-27

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

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**QUESTION: DEEP THOUGHT…The dead is now hearing, is it possible, in your baptized imagination,  that the dead are actually alive and not acknowledging the times that we quite possibly are living in?**

John 17:25-26

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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**Conclusion-  
In Jesus’ high priestly prayer, He requested personal things for us from His divine perspective. We may have missed this in our previous discussions…so let’s squeeze the remaining joy juice from our Saviors prayer.  As we complete this priestly prayer, let’s identify 7 perspectives of focus.**

**Preservation-**

John 17:11 (ESV)

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.

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**Joy-**

John 17:13 (ESV)

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.

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**Protection-**

John 17:15 (ESV)

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

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**Sanctification-**

John 17:17 (ESV)

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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**Unity-**

John 17:21 (ESV)

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.

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**Heaven-**

John 17:24 (ESV)

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.

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**Glorification-**

John 17:24 (ESV)

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.

All these things are given to all who belong to Christ.  The promises of Jesus found in John 5 reverberate through this passage.

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