

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE  
SERMON OUTLINE**

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**The Real Lord's Prayer:  
Why Jesus Prays**

**John 17:1-12**

Last week I begin this series from John 17 on the Real Lord's prayer. We looked at the first five verses that had an Inward Focus.

**A. He Prayed for Assistance (v. 1)**

**B. He Prayed about His Accomplishment (v. 2-4)**

**He Prayed About His Assurance (v. 5)**

Now, Jesus turns His focus outward and prays for those men who have given Him their hearts and lives; His Disciples. In this prayer, we can find some nuggets of truth that will help us as well.

Christ has given **His own eternal life** (John 17:2), but. . .

**I. He also has Given us: The Revelation of the Father's Name V-6.**

The word *Father* is used **53 times in John 13-17, and 122 times in John's Gospel!** In the Bible, "name" refers to "nature," because names so often were given to reveal something special about the nature of the person bearing the name.

The emphasis in this section is on the safety of the believer, so . . .

**II. He Also Makes It Clear that - God keeps His Own Vs. 11-12.**

There are two facts as to why God Keeps His Own:

**A. OUR SAFETY DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF GOD,  
NOT OUR OWN CHARACTER OR CONDUCT.**

Notice that Jesus calls His Father – "HOLY FATHER" v-11. This name is reserved **ONLY** for our **Heavenly Father** – not some earthly man like a catholic priest, which is blasphemy.

When He was on earth, Jesus kept His disciples and they could depend on Him. "I kept them in Thy name" (John 17:12). If the limited Saviour, in a human body, could keep His own while He was on earth, should He not be able to keep them now that He is glorified in heaven?

Our security rests in another fact:

**B. WE ARE HERE TO GLORIFY HIM** (John 17:10).

Would it bring glory to God if one of His own, who trusted in the Saviour, did not make it to heaven? Certainly not!

**God has provided the divine resources for us to glorify Him and be faithful.**

**We have His Word (John 17:7-8)**

**We also have the Son of God interceding for us** (John 17:9; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:14-16).

**We also have the fellowship of the church V-11**

**Now look at V-12.** We say but what about Judas? Was he secure? How did he fall? Why did Jesus not keep him safe? For the simple reason that *Judas was never one of Christ's own.*

**Judas is not an example of a believer who "lost his salvation."** He is an example of an unbeliever who *pretended to have salvation* but was finally exposed as a fraud. Jesus keeps all whom the Father gives to Him (John 10:26-30).

Beloved - We are overcomers because we share His life.