

Problem:

1. no mention of Jesus - the only Jesus they could believe in is a Jesus out of context - "I believe in love"
 1. we cannot see His glory out of context
 1. Christ came and manifested His glory specifically in space time history
2. faith built around a subculture of synthesis and group think
 1. we cannot receive His glory through synthesis and a superior dialectic
 1. we are set apart by the propositional truth of the Word and the method of antithesis
3. it is individualistic and self aggrandizing - "just we prescribe to a faith with some really terrible people it doesn't make all of us terrible" - Luke 18:9-14
 1. we cannot display His glory outside of the real Church
 1. we display the truth in our lives lived together loving tangibly and specifically in our actions

CPT:

Christ prays for
 the glory He earned to be seen
 the glory He shared to be set apart
 the glory He gave to be shown in unity

Text:**Glory Seen**

John 17:1 ¶ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come (**perfect tense**); **glorify** your Son that the Son may **glorify** you,

John 17:2 since you have **given** him authority over all flesh, to **give** eternal life to all whom you have **given** him.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they **know** you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:4 **I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.**

John 17:5 And now, Father, **glorify** me in your own presence with the **glory** that I had with you before **the world** existed.

(1) *the hour has come - perfect tense - finality of this moment -*

(4) *I glorified (to make great) you on earth - Jn 13:30-32; 12:23-28; Jn 1:14*

problem: Exodus 20:1-4; no graven images; Gen 1:26-27 -> Matt 3:17 (17:5)

1 John 1:1-4 - space time history manifested glory

Glory Set Apart

John 17:6 ¶ "I have manifested your name (**I Am bread of life etc**) to the people whom you **gave** me out of **the world**. Yours they were, and you **gave** them to me (**we are the Father's love gift to the Son**), and they have kept your **word**."

John 17:7 Now they **know** (**perfect**) that everything that you have **given** me is from you.

John 17:8 For I have **given** them the **words** that you **gave** me, and they have received them and have come to **know** in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

John 17:9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for **the world** but for those whom you have **given** me, for they are yours.

John 17:10 **All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.**

John 17:11 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.**

John 17:12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have **given** me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the **Scripture** might be fulfilled.

John 17:13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in **the world**, that they may have **my joy fulfilled in themselves.**

John 17:14 I have **given** them your **word**, and **the world** has hated them because they are not of **the world**, just as I am not of **the world**.

John 17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of **the world**, but that you keep them from the evil one.

John 17:16 They are not of **the world**, just as I am not of **the world**.

John 17:17 **Sanctify them in the truth**; your **word** is truth.

John 17:18 As you sent me into **the world**, so I have sent them into **the world**.

John 17:19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in **truth**.

(6) **Given in the world** -

Jn 6:37-40, 44, 63-65; 10:14-16, 25-29 - given to the Son by the Fathers a love gift

(16) **but not of the world** - *Jn 8:23-24, 39-45 - of the world - Jn 1:9-13 - born of the Spirit*

(17) **sanctify** - *2 cor 6:14-7:1; James 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15-17 - not about taking us out of the world - taking the world out of us*

in truth - (6, 8, 14, 16, 17, 18) *Jn 8:31-32; Heb 4:12-13 - antithesis in truth and action*

Glory Shown

John 17:20 ¶ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will **believe** in me through their word,

John 17:21 **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.

John 17:22 The **glory** that you have **given** me I have **given** to them, **that they may be one even as we are one**,

John 17:23 I in them and you in me, **that they may become perfectly one**, so that **the world** may **know** that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:24 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**.

John 17:25 O righteous Father, even though **the world** does not **know** you, I **know** you, and these **know** that you have sent me.

John 17:26 I made **known** to them your name, and I will continue to make it **known**, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

(20) this is His prayer for you - you are the subject of this prayer

(21) unify - Jn 13:34-35; 15:8-20; - so the world may know

in truth - Eph 4:1-16 -real actual unity not a subculture

(22) Rom 12:1-8 - nor an individualistic expression -or evangelical ghetto

the church same essence different persons

not ecclesiastical, organizational unity - but diverse unity in truth

the oneness of the triune God is pictured in the oneness of the unified church

Main Idea:

His Glory was seen in space-time history

His Glory was set apart in the Word

His Glory is shown through the Church

Implication:

glory was earned by Christ -seen in space time history (context)

what could be more satanic than to deny this context - it is hiding His glory

our doctrine must be historical

glory was given in the world - shared in true truth (antithesis)

what could be more satanic than to abandon the Word - it is hiding His glory

our truth must be anchored and our method must be antithesis

glory is displayed by His church - shown in real unity (diverse unity)

what could be more satanic than a false subculture of fake Christianity of individuals

doing their own thing

our practice must be consistent with the truth we proclaim - our unity must be

real

Application:

context is easy to understand

antithesis is easy to understand

unity is sometimes a bit more difficult- a wonderful truth - the oneness of the triune God is

pictured in the oneness of the unified church

be together but not the same .

Here are some articles for further study and to enhance your small group discussion:

<http://www.barabbas.com/glory/>

<http://thefederalist.com/2015/09/08/5-most-cringeworthy-problems-with-buzzfeeds-viral-im-christian-but-im-not-video/>

<https://ericgeiger.com/2014/12/5-thoughts-unity-uniformity/>