**Dead to the world – John 17:11**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ prayed while in the world for believers to be protected & united in the world**

**Observations**

1. **The Lord Jesus Christ is no longer in the world ascended to heaven until His return to the world 17:11**

*I am no longer in the world yet they are in the world and I come to You…*

1. The Lord Jesus **loved the disciples** while He was in the world until He was taken out of the world

John 13:1 – *know that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end*

1. The Lord Jesus **loved His disciples & all future generations of disciples & prayed for them** while He was in the world

17:20 – *I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word*

1. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven **is better than if He had remained in the world**
2. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven allows Him **to prepare a place for believers** in heaven

17:24 – *Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me be with Me where I am, so that they may see the glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world*

1. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven allows Him **to represent believers** in heaven

Heb. 9:24 – *Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us*

1. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven **makes him the mediator** between a Holy God & sinful men

Heb. 8:6 – *but now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises*

1. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven **provided the coming of the Holy Spirit** for believers in the world

John 16:7 – *it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you.*

1. The Lord Jesus ascension to heaven **promises His return to the earth**

John 14:3 – if I go & prepare a place for you, I will come again & receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also

1. **Jesus Christ while in the world prayed for God’s protection for all believers in the world 17:11**

***yet they are in the world*** *and I come to You. Holy Father****, keep them in Your name****, the name which You have given Me*

1. Believers are in the world facing dangers, temptations, ungodly people & ways, & satanic powers
2. The Lord Jesus Christ provides protection for believers because **He has prayed for them** as they live in the world

*keep them in Your name –* ***believers are kept by the name of Jesus!***

 **In the name of Jesus** **– is all authority**

 **In the name of Jesus** **– is salvation**

**In the name of Jesus – is all the blessings of the gospel – eternal life, forgiveness, justification, sanctification, glorification**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ provides protection by **His relationship with believers** in the world

17:6 - *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*

1. The Lord Jesus Christ provides protection by **giving His word to believers** in the world

17:8 – for the words that you gave me, I have given to them

**Why has God left believers in the world?**

Believers remain in the world **to glorify God**

Believers remain in the world **to learn to trust God by faith**

Believers remain in the world **to share the gospel**

Believers remain in the world **to long for heaven & eternal glory**

1. **Jesus Christ while in the world prayed for the unity of all believers in the world 17:11**

*that they may be one even as We are one*

1. Believers are **united in Christ** - Gal. 3:28 – there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus
2. Believers are **united in growing to maturity in Christ** – Eph. 4:15 – we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ
3. Believers are **united by the Holy Spirit in them** – 1 John 2:20 – but you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know
4. Believers are **united in sharing the gospel** – Col. 4:11 – these are the only Jewish believers among my co – workers, they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!
5. Believers are **united in heart & mind & spirit** – Acts 4:32 – *the congregation of those who believed were of one heart & soul…*
6. Believers are **united in love for one another** – John 13:35 – *by this all men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. The Lord Jesus is in heaven praying, representing & loving believers in the world today
2. Believers are protected by the name of Jesus Christ the Lord
3. Oh, how wonderful for believers to live together united to Christ & one another!

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near the door! Come Lord Jesus!**