***The Church - Who We Are, & What We Do***

**"*The Purposes of Prayer*"(Part 2) - Jn.17:9-12 - 10/13/19**

*What are the purposes of Prayer?*

Prayer isn't only about our personal prayer lives, but also our corporate life as the Body of Christ.

Let's continue to become a church devoted to prayer. We can do this by prioritizing it individually, in small groups and corporately.

**John 17:9-12**

3) To Foster Unity & Security

The heart and soul of this passage is unity and security.

Unity is the unforced result of being in Christ. It isn't based *primarily* on our actions or outworking, but our position.

This unity is expressed through relationship to the Father, Son and Spirit, as it's then continued through His Body.

We also see a stunning sense of security here. **Vs.11b(not *c*:), +12*a***

Jesus wants us to see that He both prayed for and maintained His disciple's security, and we're to take comfort in and rest in that.

**2 Timothy 1:12*b***

*"Holy Father, keep them in Your Name... "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your Name"*

*"'In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ', isn't merely saying His Name over, but it's being enclosed in His Name; and it's representing that which His Name represents."*

It's His authority, His power, His Name and all it represents, that gives us both temporal and eternal security.

*"The truth is we've never been in control over the most valuable things of life; in fact, we've always been held-up by the grace of God - and that never changes!"*

Our temporal security lends itself to our eternal security.

**Romans 8:35-39**

*"My part was running away, and God’s part was running after me until He found me."*

As we pray, let's remember to trust in God's sovereignty - that He is in control!