



November 23rd Rev Hugh Barlett

Isaiah 62:1–5 For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

God stirs us from our sullen silence to a hopeful plea

“Lord have mercy, Thy Kingdom Come, Come Lord Jesus”

God will vindicate us

God will beautify us

God will reign thru us

God will fill the world with Joy

Have you experienced when life has with all of its’ struggles taken your breath away and left you in sullen silence?

How has God brought you back to place of praise?

How helpful is it to know that while we are getting “run over “by this world, we will one day in Christ rule in Him?

What words in this passage stir you to real gratitude? What images grab your heart?

Have you ever received news so good – you just could not stay silent?

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John 17:20–26 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 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. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 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. 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. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 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.”

Reunited in His Love

that flows from Eternity through History
that we receive from God
shared from Christ
that brings us together
that we share with the world

Christ prayed for those who would believe in the future. Do we have gratitude for our inclusion in Christ’s family? Do we have an eye on reaching the next generation with the gospel?

Notice how Christ ,in verse 20, prepares for those who would believe in the apostles word (their word). How do we remain an apostolic church ?

In verse 21, Christ prays for the unity of the church. How should guard this unity? How do we preserve this unity in our local church? In the wider church?

In verse 23, Christ shows concern for how the unity of the church bears witness to the reality of Christ’s mission?

How does seeing Christ’s “glory” deepen our faith? Think of how John saw Christ’s resurrected body in the last chapters of the gospel and the glorified Jesus in the book of Revelation.

Christ wants our knowledge of Him to usher into a deeper sense of His love for us?

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John 17:6–19 ⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 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.

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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in



them. 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. 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. 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.

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. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

What Christ reveals to us, remakes us

His Name forges our new identity

His Word sanctifies us

His redemptive work sends us

What are ways that you have kept the words of Christ?

How has the truth of Christ set you apart – sanctified you?

Verse 11 says that we are one in Christ/. How do you experience the union and communion with Christ and His people?

How do you connect in community to His people?

How do you live in the world and yet not live according to the world's standards?

How do you experience Christ's calling – His sending of you?