

Chapter 17

After his Sermon of farewell, he prayeth to his Father, that seeing he hath now finished his worke, he wil giue him his appointed glorie, for the conuerfion of al Nations, 6. and preferue his Apoftles, and his Church after them in vnitie and veritie (that is, from Schifme and Herefie:) 14. finally alfo glorifie them with him in Heauen.

These things spake IESVS: and lifting vp his eyes into Heauen, he said: Father, the houre is come, ^a)glorifie thy Sonne, that they Sonne may glorifie thee. ² As thou hast giuen him power ouer al flesh, that al which thou hast giuen him, to them he may giue life euerlasting. ³ And this is ⁴life euerlasting that they know thee, the only true God, and whom thou hast sent IESVS CHRIST. ⁴ I haue glorified thee vpon the earth: I haue consummated the worke which thou gauest me to doe: ⁵ and now glorifie thou me O Father with thyself, with the glorie which I had before the world was, with thee. ⁶ I haue manifested thy name to the men whom thou gauest me out of the world. Thine they were, and to me thou gauest them: and they haue kept thy word. ⁷ Now they haue knowen that al things which thou gauest me are from thee: ⁸ because the wordes which thou gauest me, I haue giuen them: and they haue receiued, and knowen in very deed that I came forth from thee, and haue beleued that thou didst send me. ⁹ For them doe I pray: Not for the world doe I pray, but for them whom thou hast giuen me; ¹⁰ because they be thine: and al my things be thine, and thine be mine: and I am glorified in them. And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, & I come to thee. ¹¹ Holy Father,

^a The Father glorifieth the Sonne by rayfing him from death, exalting him vp to his right hand, making al creatures to bow downe at his name, and giuing him al power and iudgement. The Sonne againe glorifieth the Father, by making his honour, which only in a manner was in Iewrie before, now knowen to al Nations.

^akeep them in thy name, whom thou haft giuen me; that they may be one, as alfo we. ¹² When I was with them, I kept them in thy name. Those whom thou gaueft me, haue I kept and none of the perished, but the fonne of perdition, that the fcripture may be fulfilled. ¹³ And now I come to thee: and thefe things I fpeake in the world, that they may haue my ioy filled in themfelues. ¹⁴ I haue giuen them thy word, and the world hath hated them, becaufe they are not of the world: as I alfo am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that thou take them away out of the world, but that thou preferue them from euil. ¹⁶ Of the world they are not: as I alfo am not of the world. ¹⁷ [♠]Sanctifie them in truth. Thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou didft fend me into the world, I alfo haue fent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for them I doe ^bfanctifie myfelf: that they alfo may be fanctified in truth. ²⁰ And not for thē only doe I pray, [♠]but for them alfo that by their word fhall beleue in me: ²¹ that they al may be one, as thou (Father) in me & I in thee; that they alfo in vs may be one: that the world may beleue that thou haft fent me. ²² And the glorie that thou haft giuen me, haue I giuen to them; that they may be one as we alfo are one. ²³ I in them, and thou in me: that they may be confummate in one: and the world may know that thou haft fent me, and haft loued them, as me alfo thou haft loued. ²⁴ Father, whom thou haft giuen me, I wil, that where I am, they alfo may be with me: that they may fee my glorie which thou haft giuen me, becaufe thou haft loued me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ Iuft Father, the world hath not knowen thee. But I haue knowen thee: and thefe haue knowen, that thou didft fend me. ²⁶ And I haue notified thy name to them, and wil notifie it: that the loue wherwith thou haft loued me may be in them, and I in them.

^a His petition is fpecially to keepe the Apoftles and his Church in vnitie and from Schifmes.

^b To fanctifie himfelf, is to facrifice himfelf by dedicating his holy body & bloud to his Father, both vpon the Croffe, and in the holy Sacrament.

ANNOTATIONS

3 Life euerlafting) Both the life of glorie in Heauen, and of grace here in the Church, confifteth in the knowledge of God: that, in perfect vifion: this, in faith working by charitie. For knowledge of God without keeping his commandements, is not true knowledge, that is to fay, it is an vnprofitable knowledge.
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True knowledge of God.

17 Sanctifie them) Chrifft prayeth that the Apoftles, their Succeffours, & al that fhall be of their beleefe, may be fanctified in truth. Which is as much to fay, as to defire that the Church may euer haue the Spirit of truth, and be free from error. Which praier of Chrifft had not been heard, if the Church might erre.

The Church can not erre.

20 But for them) He expreffeth (and it is a great comfort) that he praiereth not only for the Apoftles, but for the whole Church after them, that is, for al beleeuers. And al this profound & diuine praier is refembled in the holy Canon of the Maffe before the confecration, as here it was made before his vifible Sacrifice on the Croffe.

The Canon of the Maffe.