

“NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT?”

JOHN 17:6-19

How encouraging to know that others pray for you! That others lean in – both nearby and far away – and make request of you before God. They interrupt the busyness of their lives to breathe your name and need to the Most High.

As Jesus prays for His disciples, what He magnificently addresses is what should concern every follower of Christ:

THE DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF BELIEVERS

① _____ (17:11)

Jesus presents the picture of the _____ as the model for all believers.

_____ isn't to be confused with _____.

A word of caution: _____ did not exercise this and that did not turn out too well for him!

② _____ (17:13)

Too many people confuse this with _____ as though they are synonymous.

It is unfazed by _____ (Hebrews 12:2), rooted in _____ to God (James 1:25), inward, lasting, and a _____ of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

No wonder that David cried out to God to restore to him the joy of salvation (Psalm 51:12)!

③ _____ (17:15)

We have been given the _____ (1 Cor. 15:58).

As we submit to God, we choose to resist the devil and he will flee from us (James 4:7).

No matter what comes our way, we have a certainty of His divine _____ plan (Ephesians 1:13-14; Psalm 139:5).

④ _____ (17:17)

We have not been _____ by God but separated for God. We are not to be _____ from this world but have been insulated by our God in this world.

We need only look at the example of Christ to grasp how we are to live the separated life.

CONCLUSION

These four marks provide a litmus test for each of us in ascertaining our identity as we walk this earth. Who do you belong to? What are you living for? How is your life different? Where are you fixing your attention on?

_____ Jesus prays, we really ought to lean in and listen. And _____ He prays about should truly grab our attention and lead us to self-examination.