

John 17:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Analysis

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it (καὶ ἐγνώρισα αὐτοῖς τὸ ὄνομά σου καὶ γνωρίσω, kai egnōrisa autois to onoma sou kai gnōrisō)—Jesus revealed God's character (ὄνομα, onoma, 'name' meaning nature, character, reputation) during His earthly ministry and will continue through the Spirit (John 16:13-15). γνωρίσω (gnōrisō, 'I will make known') is future tense—ongoing revelation. **That the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them** (ἵνα ἡ ἀγάπη ἣν ἡγάπησάς με ἐν αὐτοῖς ἢ καγὼ ἐν αὐτοῖς, hina hē agapē hēn ēgapēsas me en autois ē kagō en autois)—The goal: believers experience the same love (ἡ ἀγάπη, hē agapē) the Father has for the Son, with Christ dwelling in them (καγὼ ἐν αὐτοῖς, kagō en autois).

This concludes the High Priestly Prayer with stunning revelation: God's love for believers equals His love for Christ; Christ dwells in believers. This is mystical union—not absorption into deity but intimate communion. Christianity isn't merely forgiveness of sins but adoption into Trinitarian love. Knowing God's name means experiencing His love.

Historical Context

After this prayer, Jesus went to Gethsemane (John 18:1). His final words before arrest concerned believers' participation in divine love—demonstrating that His

mission's goal was not merely legal justification but relational transformation. The Spirit would continue Christ's revelatory work (John 14:26; 16:13).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's ongoing revelation of the Father's name through the Spirit shape Christian discipleship and growth?
2. What does it mean that believers experience the same love the Father has for the Son—how should this transform our identity?
3. How is Christ 'in' believers practically—what does His indwelling presence mean for daily life?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	γνωρίσω	αὐτοῖς	τὸ	ὄνομα	σου	καὶ	γνωρίσω	
And	I have declared	them	G3588	name	thy	And	I have declared	
G2532	G1107	G846		G3686	G4675	G2532	G1107	
ἵνα	ἡ	ἀγάπη	ἦν	ἠγάπησάς	με	ἐν	αὐτοῖς	ἧ
it that	G3588	the love	wherewith	thou hast loved	me	in	them	may be
G2443		G26	G3739	G25	G3165	G1722	G846	G5600
καὶ	ἐν	αὐτοῖς						
and I	in	them						
G2504	G1722	G846						

Additional Cross-References

John 17:23 (Love): I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

John 17:6 (Parallel theme): I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

John 15:9 (Love): As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Hebrews 2:12 (Parallel theme): Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Psalms 22:22 (Parallel theme): I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

John 14:20 (Parallel theme): At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 15:15 (Parallel theme): Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

John 15:4 (Parallel theme): Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Ephesians 5:32 (Parallel theme): This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

John 8:50 (Parallel theme): And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.