**Dead to the World – John 17:18**

**Focal Truth: The Lord Jesus Christ sends believers into the world as His representatives**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ prayed for believers to be holy in the truth of the gospel 17:17**

*Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth*

1. The word of God sanctifies by cleaning the mind & conscience of sinful desires

Eph. 5:25 – 26 – love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

1. The word of God sanctifies by teaching the truth of God in Christ vs. the lies of the devil in the world
2. John 15:3 – you are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you
3. The word of God sanctifies because it remains in the believers mind & applied by the Holy Spirit

John 15 – if you abide in me and my words abide in you, you will bear much fruit

1. The word of God is God’s truth in the world!
2. **God the Father sent Jesus Christ into the world to be the Savior of the world 17:18**

*As you did sent Me into the world*…

1. 17:3 – this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent
2. 17:8 – the words which you gave me I have given to them, and they received them, and truly understood that I came from You, and they believed that You did send Me
3. 17:21 – that they all may be one, even as You, Father are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that you did send Me.
4. 17:23 – I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that you did send me and didst love them, even as you have loved me
5. **Jesus Christ sends believers into the world to share the gospel with the world 17:18**

*I have also sent them into the world*

1. Believers in Jesus Christ are sent into the world as representatives of Christ

2 Cor. 5:20 – We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us, we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God

1. Believers are sent into the world with a gospel sharing ministry

2 Cor. 5:18 – now all things are from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

1. Believers are sent into the world with the word of the gospel

2 Cor. 5:19 – God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Eternal life comes as we believe that Jesus Christ has been sent by God to be the savior of the world**
2. **The Lord Jesus came into the world in complete obedience to God the Father who sent Him**
3. **Every believer is sent on gospel mission as they live in the world**
4. **Believers speak on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ who sent them wherever they go!**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near the door! Come Lord Jesus!**