

**“THE SON PETITIONS THE FATHER FOR PRESERVATION”**  
**JOHN 17:11-12**

**I. THE LORD DECLARED THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT  
NECESSITATED THIS PETITION FOR PRESERVATION (17:11a)**

**A. He Would Be Leaving The World And Thus, They Would Be  
Without His Physical Presence**

- 1. The Last Time That Evening, They Had Heard Him Mention  
*The World*, He Had Referred To It As A Place In Which They  
Would Have *Tribulation* (16:33)**
- 2. He Does Not Pray That They Be Delivered From The Pressure**

**B. In The Lord’s Physical Absence They Would Need To Be Sustained  
Through The World’s Onslaught**

**II. THE LORD ELABORATED ON THE CONTENT OF THE PETITION  
BY REQUESTING THAT HIS PEOPLE BE PRESERVED TO AN  
ULTIMATE UNITY THAT COULD HAVE AS ITS ONLY  
APPROPRIATE PARALLEL, THE UNITY THAT EXISTS WITHIN  
CHRIST AND THE FATHER (17:11b-12)**

**A. This Provides Us With Insight Into What Would Be The Greatest  
Dangers Of All To His Ultimate Purposes (17:11b)**

- 1. Some Who Have Followed May Prove To Be Ultimately Lost**
- 2. The Body Would Become Fractured To The Point Of  
Uselessness Because Of Doctrinal Error**

**B. While Christ Was In The World, He Successfully Held The Unit  
Together (17:12)**

- 1. The Unit Was Always Threatened From Within And Without**
- 2. None That The Father Had Given Christ Were Lost**
- 3. The Only One Who Was Lost Was The One Whose Apostasy  
Was The Natural End Result Of His Personal Rebellion Which  
Was The Natural Fruit Of His Unregenerate Nature**