

Sermon Notes for July 9, 2017
John 17:6-26: The Character and Nature of
Jesus Christ Revealed
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It's not about the _____. It's about God the _____ and Christ, the _____.

"In the Bible, 'name' refers to 'nature,' because names so often were given to reveal something special about the nature of the person bearing the name. Jacob was a schemer, and his name comes from a Hebrew root that means "to take by the heel," i.e., to trip up, to deceive (Genesis 25:26). The name Isaac means "laughter" (Genesis 21:6) because he brought joy to Abraham and Sarah." (Warren Wiersbe)

_____ is a direct result of genuine saving faith.

Jesus' _____ was founded, not in the resolve of the eleven, but in the _____ and _____ of the Father.

"This prayer of Christ is an ever precious portion to all believers, from the fact that each of them has an inalienable interest in it. Every one of us, beloved, when we listen to the words of Christ should recollect that He is praying for us; that while it is for the great body of His elect He intercedes in this chapter and the one preceding it, yet it is also for each believer in particular that He offers intercession. However weak we are, however poor; however little our faith, or however small our grace may be, our names are still written on his heart; nor shall we lose our share in Jesus' love..." (C.H. Spurgeon)

Christ's prayer in this chapter provides a priceless preview of His current intercessory work.

"When we understand what God is after we will not get mean and cynical. Jesus has prayed nothing less for us than absolute oneness with Himself as He was one with the Father. Some of us are far off it, and yet God will not leave us alone until we are one with Him, because Jesus prayed that we may be." (Oswald Chambers)