

Some straggling considerations on the implications of John 17:17

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I. Some introductory notes:

- A. The overall theme of the Institute
- B. The treatments thus far
- C. The Key Bible Texts

II. Basic thoughts on John 17:17

- A. The structure of the chapter
- B. Some striking equations:

- 1. The name of God equated with the Word...v. 6, 12, 26
- 2. The given words equated with the saving message, v. 8
- 3. The possession of the word equated with the presence of the Lord, v 14*
v. 12
- 4. This allows us a rather "free" equation based on the general line of our thinking:

The Word is...as the Lord is...

...as the Father is...

The essential characteristics of the Deity must also be postulated for the Word. We will elaborate on this a bit and try to make it plainer than it looks on this page.

- C. The functions of the Word require.....truth and dependence

- 1. To inform
- 2. To set apart
- 3. To direct

- D. But what is the Word:

- 1. The teachings of Jesus?
- 2. The whole of the revealed Scripture?

III. Elaboration of the subject in the light of Psalm 119

IV. Conclusion