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## **BELIEVE**

*"Jesus' Answered Prayer and the Church's Sure Foundation"*

**INTRO:** *After Jesus prayed selflessly for Himself (17:1-5), He prayed for those who would continue his work after His ascension. Today's Christians should be eternally thankful that the Father answered the Son's prayer!*

- I. **The disciples were called by Jesus to continue His work by laying the foundation of the local \_\_\_\_\_ (17:6-8).** *The disciples had a daunting task ahead of them Cf. Matthew 16:16-18; Ephesians 2:19-22.*
  
- II. **After Jesus' ascension, the disciples still needed divine \_\_\_\_\_ to be successful in laying the foundation of the local \_\_\_\_\_ (17:9-11a).** *Their desperation for mission success is equaled to our own. Apart from Christ, we can do nothing.*
  
- III. **Thank God for answering Jesus' prayer to provide the divine \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples needed in laying the foundation of the local \_\_\_\_\_ (17:11b-19).** *The Father always answered the Son's prayers. Thank God!*
  - A. **God's protection promoted \_\_\_\_\_.** *The disciples experienced a unity of will and purpose to carry out their task.*
  - B. **God's protection provided \_\_\_\_\_.** *Joy characterized the Apostles and the early church (Cf. Acts).*
  - C. **God's protection promised \_\_\_\_\_.** *This would have been impossible w/o divine protection.*