

## The High Priestly Prayer | John 17:20-26

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

### Unity is to be Planted in Jesus

1. Unity is a byproduct of our relationship with Jesus
2. The foundation for Christian unity is the essential gospel

### Unity is to be Pursued with One Another

1. Family
  - a. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)
2. Service
  - a. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

### Unity is to be a Proclamation to the World

1. Witness
  - a. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him." (Leviticus 19:17)

## Biggest Threat to Christian Unity

### Prayerlessness

1. Settled in sin and compromise
  - a. "If we sow to satisfy our sinful desires, we should not be surprised to find ourselves feeling distant from God." (Uche Anizor)
  - b. "As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. " (2 Corinthians 7:9)
2. Settled in preferences
3. Settled in passivity

### Benediction | John 17:22-23

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