



The Gospel According to John – Christian Unity.

ADAMLONG | Week of Sunday February 7th, 2021

SERMON TEXT // John 17:20-26 English Standard Version

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that 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. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I 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. ²⁴Father, 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. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I 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.”

SERMON SUMMARY // If one hundred pianos are all tuned with the same tuning fork they are automatically tuned to one another. This, in its essence, is **christian unity**. In his book *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer says, *They [the one hundred pianos] are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow.* (p.97) Likewise, christians are to be in tune with one another because we are ultimately tuned as instruments of grace by Jesus Himself. He is the standard to which we individually bow while also bowing in unison. We are one together and together one.

SERMON GUIDE //

1. Christian unity is **founded and built on truth**. (vv.20-21A)
2. Christian unity is **organic and otherworldly**. (v.21)
3. Christian unity is **physical and spiritual**. (vv.22-23)
4. Christian unity is **marked by love**. (vv.24-26)

SERMON APPLICATION // Christian unity comes with christian maturity. And christian maturity comes from knowing God. It is furthered through the pursuit of the knowledge of God. And is consummated in the complete knowledge of God we will experience in His presence for all eternity. In Christ all people are offered **common grace**. Those whom He chose before the foundations of the earth have a **common salvation**. And in that salvation we have a **common glory** that is ours through **unity** Jesus prayed for en rout to the cross.

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Question 1 // Read **John 17:20-26**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Let's talk about unity. This passage makes it clear that a tight knit community of faith points people to the Gospel. ***How do we create a unified culture? In what ways do you see the Church in the United States subtly undermine unity?***

Question 3 // Adam brought forth the point that Christian unity is **organic and otherworldly**. From your observation, ***how is your relationship with fellow Christ followers organic? Otherworldly?***

Question 4 // Our vertical relationship with God will have a direct effect on our horizontal relationships with others. Discuss this. ***How does your time in the word, in prayer, and in worship equip you to love others?***

Bonus Question: We've discussed the uniqueness of Christian unity. It's a supernatural thing that can only come from God. ***How does your relationship with Christ followers differ from your relationships with those who do not share your faith?***

Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying for God to bring opportunities our way to seek out Christian unity in the midst of a pandemic where people are physically distant from one another. Creativity, patience, and persistence are all things we should be praying for in seeking out way to remain in unity with one another during seasons such as this one.

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