

**Sermon Title:** Unity, So That!  
**Sermon Series:** It's All About the Gospel  
**Scripture:** John 17:20-26  
**Speaker:** Pastor Jay Richmond



### **John 17:20-26 ESV**

“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.”

Grace Makes Three Proclamations:

1. “Only God can \_\_\_\_\_ sins”

### **Mark 2:7 ESV**

“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

2. “You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ another person’s servant. The master \_\_\_\_\_ if the servant is doing well or not.”

### **Romans 14:4 ESV**

Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

3. “Christ \_\_\_\_\_ you, so you should \_\_\_\_\_ each other, which will bring glory to God”

**Romans 15:7 ESV**

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**John 17:20-21 ESV**

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**Unity Matters to God**

**John 13:35 ESV**

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“The continuous and widespread fragmentation of the Church has been the scandal of the ages. It has been Satan’s master strategy. The sin of disunity probably has caused more souls to be lost than all other sins combined.”

—Paul Billheimer, Love Covers

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It is not for us to \_\_\_\_\_ unity, it is for us to \_\_\_\_\_ unity.

**Ephesians 4:3 NIV**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**Mark 9:33-37 ESV**

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ one such child in my name \_\_\_\_\_ me, and whoever \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ not me but him who sent me.”

**John 9:38 ESV**

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

**John 9:39 ESV**

But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

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