



Title: Simply Jesus: Jesus's Prayer: Part 2

Scripture: John 17:20-26

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: As believers we are to unified in and through Christ Jesus.

Vs. 20

These alone- Jesus does not just simply pray for the disciples alone. See John 17:1-19. This movement would not be reserved for just the 11 remaining disciples.

But also for those who will believe in Me through their word- Jesus acknowledges in the present moment that He is also praying for those who 'will' believe.

Jesus prayed for His eleven disciples, but He also had the heart and the vision to pray beyond them. He prayed for those who would come to faith by the testimony of these disciples. He prayed for us.-Guzik

Vs. 21

They all may be one- In John 17:11 we see a prayer for the unity for the 11 disciples. Now we see this prayer for those who would believe.

Why are we not one? Sin is the great dividing element. The perfectly holy would be perfectly united. The more saintly men are, the more they love their Lord and one another; and thus they come into closer union with each other.-Spurgeon

That they may be one in us- Jesus answered how we are to be unified. It's in 'us'. We are to be unified in the Father and in Him. The idea is a shared life.

That the world may believe You sent Me- What does being unified have to do with anything? It has everything to do with our faith. Jesus ties being 'one' as a testimony to the world.

Vs. 22

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them- Jesus has given us glory.

They may be one just as We are one- Jesus gives us an example of this unity between He and the Father. This is the standard. This is the template. This is the hope. This is the purpose. That our unity would be like Father and Son.

There is a blessing when we are unified in and through Christ Jesus. There is no competition. There are no teams. There is no us and them. There is just WE.

The one thing we can never do is give up Biblical truth for what is perceived to be unity.-Brian Brodersen

Vs. 23

I in them, and You in Me- There is a living unity that exists between believers. This is a unity that exists because of our common identity in Him.

The world may know- Jesus was praying for you and I specifically for the world to know about Christ.

that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me- Jesus wants the world to know that the Father sent Him and that the Father loves them.

Vs. 24

Father I desire- Jesus was able to come to the Father and express His heart.

You loved Me before the foundation of the world- Jesus knew what was ahead of Him. Despite the pending betrayal, trial, torture, and the cross, Jesus knew that the Father loved Him before the foundation of the world.

Vs. 25

But I have known You-Jesus speaks of His rich relationship with the Father. Jesus says I have known you.

Vs. 26

I have declared to them Your name-Jesus emphasizes that He has declared the name of the Father to us.

The love with which You loved Me may be in them- Jesus concludes this prayer with the idea of that the love that the Father has for Jesus be also in the disciples.

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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3D Guide

DO.

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus' life set an example for us on how to bring glory to the Father.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Define unity.
2. Compare your definition to that found in this block of scripture. (Vs. 21 in particular)
3. How can Christians be unified in Christ in today's world?
4. What are some things in this world that seem to cause disunity amongst Christians?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: November 5th, 2017

Scripture: Paul and Silas in Philippi
Acts 16:16-40

Take Home Questions:

1. Why were Paul and Silas traveling around? (To tell people about Jesus)
2. What happened to Paul and Silas in Philippi? (They were beaten & put in jail.)
3. How do you feel when something bad happens in your life? (Sad, confused, lonely, etc.)
4. Does it help when you have someone there to help you through those bad times? (Yes!) Having each other there to pray and sing with definitely helped Paul and Silas!
5. Can we do life alone? (No!) Who is someone you do life with that can help you through bad times? (Allow responses)
6. What do we Need to Know today? (You Can't Do Life Alone!)

Memory Verse: "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine" - Eph. 3:20

