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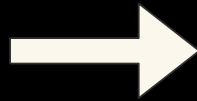


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Inward

(John 17:6-21)



Upward

(John 17:1-5)



Outward

(John 17:21-26)

John 17:24-26 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.**”

Marks of a Healthy Family of God

1. Identity
2. Unity
3. Conformity

(Next Week)

4. Ministry
5. Doxology

John 17:6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. "

1. Identity



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John 17:11 ...Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

2. Unity

John 17:20-21 “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.

2. Unity

“It is a unity which not merely reflects but actually participates in the unity of God—the unity of love and obedience which binds the Son to the Father.”

- Leslie Newbiggin

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John 17:15-17 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.**

3. Conformity

POP QUIZ:

1. What is your greatest identity?
2. Do we as a church have true Gospel unity (not just uniformity)?
3. How are we doing in growing in conformity to Christ through His word?

Conclusion

John 17:4 I glorified you on earth,
having accomplished the work that you
gave me to do.

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Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is **God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Conclusion