

I Believe: The Case for Well-Informed Faith
“Africa, Europe, and the High Priestly Prayer”

John 17:1–20
The Lord’s Day Morning
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In the High Priestly Prayer, Jesus, our High Priest, prayed for himself (17:1–5), the eleven disciples (6–19), and every succeeding generation of the church, including us (20–26). Essentially, he will ask the Father to do for us what he asks the Father to do for the eleven remaining disciples, by asking for these four things:

1. Unity based on our *receiving* Jesus as God the Son, co-eternal, co-equal, and consubstantial with God the Father, fully God and fully man, *trusting* only in his substitutionary death for the forgiveness of sins, and *obeying* his command to love one another. (1-11).
2. Joy based on the ultimate circumstance of Jesus’ victory and sovereign authority over a world that hates us (12–14).
3. Holiness based on living a life in obedience to the truth of God’s Word (15–17).
4. Single-mindedness based on the mandate to make Jesus famous among all the nations of the earth (18–20).