

I Believe: The Case for Well-Informed Faith

“The Final Apologetic”

John 17:20-26

The Lord’s Day Morning — March 13, 2022

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).

Jesus’ Prayer for Succeeding Generations

Jesus prays that the church would be _____ 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 (20-23).

Jesus prays that the world would know he was sent by the Father because of _____ of his disciples (21, 23).

Jesus prays that the church would know the _____ made manifest in _____ and in _____. (17:1-5 and 23-26).

What is Unity?

“_____ has an affiliation with others but no common bond that makes them one in heart. _____ has everyone looking and thinking alike. _____ is complete agreement across the board. _____ however, refers to a oneness of heart, a similarity of purpose and an agreement on major points of doctrine.” (Chuck Swindoll).

The _____ of our unity is purchased and accomplished through Jesus Christ.

The _____ of our unity is enjoyed through our obedience to Jesus Christ.

Unity is accomplished by:

_____ on the Glory of God displayed on the Cross of Christ.

_____ our brothers and sisters in Christ.

_____ major doctrines over minor doctrines.