

I. The Proper Fight for the Christian (13-16)

- A. Jesus entrusted us with His glory on earth (13) – “But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”
- B. His glory will be resisted (14) – “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [15] I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

The fight for Christians is to combat the spirit of the age and Satan so that we may advance Christ’s glory through truth, love and unity.

James 4:1-2 – “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...” This, instead of the actual fight?

II. The Intentional Alliance of the Christian (18-21)

- A. Aligned in truth (17) - “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”
- B. Aligned with each other (18-21a) – “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. [19] And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. [20] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, [21] that they may all be one...”
- C. Aligned for the mission of Christ (21b) – “...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.”

III. The Glorious Stewarding of Unity by the Christian (22-26)

- A. Jesus manifests His glory through our unity (22) – “The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, [23] 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.”
Glory manifested through cooperative unity
- B. Jesus motivates us by His own glory (24) – “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.”
- C. Jesus makes Himself known to the world through our unified love (25) – “O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. [26] 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.”