

I. Jesus Prayed For Our Shared Joy (10-13)

A. He deeply cared for His followers (10-11) “All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given Me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

How Jesus & Father were One = how Christians should be one with each other

1) an unqualified mutual love

2) the unity of a common mind and purpose

3) a sustained comprehensive togetherness in mission, as revealed in the Father-Son relationship

B. His presence unified His followers (12) “While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

C. He sought to provide joy for His followers (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.”

II. Jesus Prayed For Our Shared Identity (14-19)

A. All Christians are opposed by the world (14,16) - “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...16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

B. All Christians are fought by Satan (15) - “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.”

C. All Christians are set apart in Jesus & His truth (17,19) - “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

D. All Christians share in Jesus’ mission (18) - “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

III. Jesus Prayed For Our Shared Glory (20-23)

A. Note His mind-boggling prayer (20-21a) - “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, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in you, that they also may be in us...”

B. Consider His staggering conclusion (21b) - “...so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”

C. Pursue His divine longing (22-23) - “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.”