

**THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

JOHN 17:13-23

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13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:13-23 - continued

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17:13-23 - continued

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

A Prayer Of Christ

A. For satisfaction of God (17:13)

John 15:11

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

B. For sanctification by God (17:14-19)

1. Separate from the world (vv 14-16)

2. Stablished on the truth (vv 17-19)

C. For unity in God (17:20-23)

I. Unity That Is Universal (17:20-21)

A. In sense (17:20)

Philippians 3:15-17

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

I. Unity That Is Universal (17:20-21)

B. In scope (17:20-21a)

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

II. Unity That Is Understandable (17:21)

A. Established on love

John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

II. Unity That Is Understandable (17:21)

B. Exhibited in life

Ephesians 4:29-32

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

III. Unity That Is Unique (17:22-23)

A. Shows God's glory (17:22)

Psalm 133:1-2

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

III. Unity That Is Unique (17:22-23)

B. Shows God's grace (17:23)

1. Indwelling

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

III. Unity That Is Unique (17:22-23)

B. Shows God's grace (17:23) - continued

2. Indisputable

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Are We ...

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3)