



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 17:20-23 (NAS)

“Christ’s Prayer for Unity”

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| 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, 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. |
| 22 | The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even  |

### **I. THREE MAIN PARTS OF JOHN 17**

- A. Prayer To Consecrate Himself vs. 1-5
- B. Prayer For His Disciples vs. 6-19
- C. Prayer For All Believers *John 10:11, 14, 16; Genesis 12:3*

### **II. JESUS IDENTIFIES HIS CHURCH**

- A. That The Church Might Be Sanctified, Made Holy
- B. The Church Includes Those Who Believe In Him Through His Word *1 Peter 1:23; John 5:24*

### **III. PETITIONS IN JESUS’ PRAYER THAT IDENTIFY THE CHURCH**

- A. Fullness Of Joy *John 17:13; Philippians 4:4; Nehemiah 8:10; John 15:11*
- B. To Be A Holy People; Sanctified Saints
- C. To Be A People Of Truth *John 14:6*
- D. To Be A People With A Clear Mission *Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8*
- E. To Be Unified

### **IV. FALSE UNITY**

- A. Sin

- 1. In the God Head there is perfect unity (holiness)
- 2. Unresolved issues Ephesians 4:31, 32; Ephesians 4:29

#### **B. False Unity**

- 1. An ecumenism which does not center on Christ
- 2. Gather in prayer where Jesus’ name cannot be mentioned.