

Gospel of John
[Jesus' Parting Prayer (Part 3) (John 17:20-26)]

I. Jesus' Prayer for Himself (vs. 1-5)

II. Jesus' Prayer for the Disciples (vs. 6-19)

III. Jesus' Prayer for All Believers (vs. 20-26)

A. For His People's Unification (vs. 21-23)

1. A Unity that Reflects the Divine Unity of the Father and the Son

2. A Unity that Induces the World to Believe

a. That Jesus was Sent by the Father

b. That Believers are Loved by God

3. Nature of this Unity: not merely outward, ecumenical, or institutional, but spiritual; a unity of love, mind, effort, purpose; a unity in the truth; must be cultivated and perfected; must be expressed in tangible ways; is achieved through commitment to the mission Jesus' followers have been charged with; pursued in conscious dependence on God

B. For His People's Glorification (vs. 24-26)

1. See His glory = be glorified with Him in His presence (1 John 3:2)

2. Jesus promises to continue His revelation (through the HS) so that the love of the Father for the Son will be in them; so that Christ Himself will be with them

Practical Lessons

1) Several Lessons from the Scope of Jesus' Prayers: the extent of Christ's atonement; Christ's intercession for His people; His people's intercession for others

2) Our spiritual unity with, and love for, other believers in Christ ought to be evident to the world.

3) Think much about the good things God intends for His people.