

THE UNITY & DIVERSITY OF THE CHURCH Pt. 1

- I. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH — THE PERSON AND FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (Matthew 16:13-18)
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- V. THE UNITY & DIVERSITY OF THE CHURCH (John 17:20-26)
 - A. The PRAYER of Jesus Christ for UNITY. (John 17:20-26)

1. Jesus Christ’s first request is for the _____
of His future Church. (17:20-23)

* What is the sole condition for being part of the true Church of Jesus Christ? (17:20a)

* Was Jesus Christ praying for you that night?

* What would be Christ’s means of building His future Church? (17:20b)

* What was Jesus Christ praying for here? (17:21a)

* What was Jesus Christ not praying for in the request?

* What were the desired practical purposes/results of our Lord’s request? (17:21b-23)

2. Jesus Christ’s second request is for the _____ of His future Church in
_____. (17:24-26)

* How are believers described here? (17:24a)

* What is Jesus praying for? (17:24b)

* What is the practical purpose of this? (17:24c)

* What wonderful doctrine of the Word of God does this highlight?

B. THE ANSWER to Christ's Prayer for UNITY. (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 1 & 2)

1. Doctrinally, the supernatural means by which believers in Christ become members of Christ's Church is via the _____.

* Has this happened to all believers?

* In order for this to be true of all believers, when must this occur?

* How does one become a member of DBC?

2. Historically, the birthday of the Church was on the day of _____.

* Was the baptizing work of Jesus Christ via the Holy Spirit predicted by our Lord?

* What key information is given to us in Acts 1:4-5?

* What then occurred in Acts 2?

* What is the New Testament interpretation of the events of Acts 2?

* What word is then employed as an existing reality in Acts and the Epistles?

* What truths also bear witness to this reality?

* What does it matter...

— regarding Covenant confusion?

— regarding Kingdom kaos?

— regarding Hyper-dispensational hacking?

— practically?