

JOHN 17:20-26 (ESV)

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that 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. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I 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. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

ALL BELIEVERS IN JESUS (THE CHURCH) SHOULD SEEK UNITY BECAUSE OF TWO PRAYERS OF JESUS:

1. PRAYER: IN JESUS

The prayer "in Jesus" reveals three RELATIONSHIPS:

- I. Relationship: The FATHER is in Jesus (Trinity)
- II. Relationship: The BELIEVER is in Jesus (Salvation)
- III. Relationship: The CHURCH is in Jesus (Body)

The prayer "in Jesus" responds to the Father's ACTIONS:

- I. Action: The Father SENT Jesus
- II. Action: The Father GLORIFIED Jesus
- III. Action: The Father LOVED Jesus (and you!)

2. PRAYER: "WITH JESUS"

The prayer "with Jesus" explains four REALITIES:

- I. Reality: You will see GLORY with Jesus
- II. Reality: You will be LOVED with Jesus
- III. Reality: You will be KNOWN with Jesus
- IV. Reality: You will be on MISSION with Jesus