

Title: “Jesus’ Prayer for All Believers” (part 1)

Text: John 17:20-23

What did Jesus ask for us?

He prayed for our unity.

Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

1. The means of true unity (**v. 20**)
2. The depth of true unity (**vv. 21b-23a**)

1 Cor. 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink one Spirit.”

1 Cor. 12:24-25 “God composed the body...that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.”

v. 27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

Ephesians in 4:3 Believers are to be “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Philippians 1:27-2:5

3. The results of true unity (**v. 23b**)
 - a) They know without any doubt that Jesus was in fact sent by the Father
 - b) They know without any doubt that God loves His children

Does this show up in our church?

Ephesians 4:1-3

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to have a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”