

March 29, 2015  
John 17:20-24

## CHRISTIANS: UNITED OR UNTIED

I. **Introduction:** “You’re Absolutely Right”

II. **Unpacking the Passage:**

**A. The Context: The High Priestly Prayer**

This Prayer was prayed by Jesus Himself. We can listen in to His conversation with His Heavenly Father.

Outline of John 17:

Vs. 1-5 Jesus prays for \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 6-19 Jesus prays for his \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 20-26 Jesus prays for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Key verse: **That they all may be one (vs. 21)**

**B. What Binds Us Together?**

1. We trust the same \_\_\_\_\_

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who **will believe in me** through their message, [21] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:20-21

2. We bear the same witness to the \_\_\_\_\_

“that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the **world** may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

"I in them and you in me. may they be brought to complete unity to let the **world** know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:23

3. We share the same \_\_\_\_\_

"I have given them, the **glory** that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: [24]  
"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my **glory**, the **glory** you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. John 17:22, 24

4. We enjoy the same \_\_\_\_\_

[23] I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have **loved** them even as you have **loved** me." John 17:23

### III. Conclusion and Application

- Pray as Jesus did for unity at El Estero and the Body of Christ.
- Learn to forgive those who have hurt or offended you.
- Speak the truth in love not anger
- Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Spend time this week reviewing Jesus High Priestly Prayer in John 17.

### **A Point To Ponder:**

1. Why are religious beliefs or the way a church is governed so divisive?

### **Explore It: (These questions are related to the text)**

2. For whom did Jesus pray? ([17:20](#))
3. \*Why did Jesus want all believers to be one? ([17:21](#))
4. What had Jesus given the disciples? ([17:22](#))
5. How did Jesus want believers to be unified? ([17:22](#))
6. \*What did Jesus want the world to know? ([17:23](#))
7. Why had the Father given glory to Jesus? ([17:24](#))
8. What did Jesus want for those the Father had given Him? ([17:24](#))
9. When did the Father love the Son? ([17:24](#))
10. What did Jesus say that the world did and did not know? ([17:25](#))
11. \*Why was Jesus going to continue to make the Father known? ([17:26](#))

### **Get It: (These questions help answer the question, “So What?” These questions relate the scripture to our daily lives.)**

12. In what way are all Christians one?

13. \*How are Christians today divided? Why?
14. Why is unity so difficult for Christians to achieve?
15. What does the world today know about the Father?
16. \*How is the Father's relationship with the Son an example for us to follow in our relationships with other Christians?
17. What relationship do you have with the Father and the Son?

**Apply It: (These Questions help us apply the scripture text to our daily lives)**

18. \*What can you do to promote unity among fellow Christians?
19. How can you be a testimony of God's love to the world?
20. What is one thing you can do this week to strengthen your bond with other Christians?