

Jesus' Wish for His Disciples

John 17:20-26

Sections of the Prayer

- Request with respect to Himself (vv. 1-5 or 1-8)
- Request with respect to the apostles (vv. 6-19 or 9-19)
- Request with respect to the universal church (vv. 20-26)

Understand your role as a follower of Christ

- Pursue unity (John 17:20-21)

John 17:14, 17

- "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 15:27

- "And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Ephesians 2:11-12

- Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh -- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands -- that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:13-14, 16

- But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For **He Himself is our peace**, who **has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
- and that He might reconcile them both to God **in one body** through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

John 13:34-35

- "A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By **this all will know that you are My disciples**, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12, 16-17

- "This is My commandment, **that you love one another as I have loved you.**
- "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should **go and bear fruit, and that** your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, **that you love one another.**

Ephesians 2:18-19

- For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God**,

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- Display Jesus' glory (John 17:22-23)

2 Peter 1:2-4

- Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:5-8

- But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:9-11

- For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things **you will never stumble**; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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- Display Jesus' glory (John 17:22-23)
- Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God (John 17:24)

Psalm 90:16-17

- Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 27:4

- One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may **dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life**, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

John 14:2-3

- "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that **where** I am, **there** you may be also.

Psalm 17:15

- As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

2 Corinthians 3:18

- But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 John 3:2-3

- Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

John 17:5

- "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You **before the world was.**

Romans 5:1-2

- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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- Get to know Jesus (John 17:25-26)

John 16:12-15

- "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Ephesians 1:17-18

- that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

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