

# What Jesus Wants

## Jesus Wants Us to be Unified

### John 17 – July 31, 2022

#### Our Sermon Series

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<i>A Series Studying Jesus' Final Teaching to His Disciples</i>		
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**Main Idea:** Jesus wants us to be unified \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:1-5** Jesus prays for Himself.  
**John 17:9-19** Jesus prays for His remaining disciples.  
**John 17:20-26** Jesus prays for us.

Jesus prays for those \_\_\_\_\_ to be unified.

The word division, is made up from two words:  
 di— means: two, split, fork, or separate  
 visio—means: vision

Our reality is \_\_\_\_\_, but God's design was \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. Jesus wants us to be unified \_\_\_\_\_, so that the world may believe God sent Jesus. (20-21)**

**John 20:30-31** "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20** "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Robby Gallaty – "The gospel came to you because it was heading to someone else. God never intended for your salvation to be an end, but a beginning. God saved you to be a conduit through whom His glorious, life-changing gospel would flow to others."

John Piper - "The whole duty of the Christian can be summed up in this: feel, think, and act in a way that will make God look as great as He really is. Be a telescope for the world of the infinite starry wealth of the glory of God. This is what it means for a Christian to magnify God."

#### Application:

- a. Ask God to make you unified with Him.**  
 Have you put your hope and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? If not, don't wait! Jesus came to give you life eternal and life abundant! Confess to God you are a sinner in need of a Savior and that you believe that Jesus is that Savior, ask Him to lead your life and give you His Holy Spirit and vision. And then tell someone!
- b. Turn and tell others about being unified with God.**  
 If you have already been made new by God, who in your sphere of influence needs to hear the message of reconciliation? Turn and tell someone in your family, office, friend group, neighborhood, etc. the hope you have found in being made one again with God through Jesus.
- c. Help others be unified with God.**  
 This generation needs to hear about the incredible love and reconciling power of Jesus! There are 5 reasons that 25% of this generation will stay connected to faith. Let's highlight two: 1) they served together as a family and 2) each had at least one other faith-based adult in their life. Say yes today to signing up to serve as a family in kids or student ministry. Say yes today to being an adult of faith who will reveal God's love to kids and students. Scan the QR code and the appropriate ministry will connect with you.

Kids Ministry



Student Ministry



- 2. Jesus wants us to be unified with \_\_\_\_\_, so that the world may know that God sent Jesus AND loves them. (22-23)**

Throughout the New Testament there are 47 verses that give “one another” commands to followers of Christ. Just a few are:

Be at peace with one another-**Mark 9:50**

Gently, patiently tolerate one another-**Eph 2:4**

Seek good for one another-**1 Thess 5:15**

Don't complain against one another-**James 4:11; 5:9**

God is serious about the unification of His people to one another.

The cross represents the Gospel. Vertical reconciliation between God and people, and horizontal reconciliation between people.

Scot McNight- *“The story of the Bible is not simply about the salvation of individuals. The story of the Bible is about the creation of one faithful, saved people of God.”*

**Ephesians 2:13-21** *“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 us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”*

**Galatians 3:28** *“There is now therefore no Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female, for ALL are one in Christ Jesus”.*

John Stott- *“I wonder if anything is more urgent today, for the honor of Christ and for the spread of the gospel, than that the church should be, and should be seen to be, what by God's purpose and Christ's achievement it already is—a single new humanity, a model of human community, a family of reconciled brothers and sisters who love their Father and love each other, the evident dwelling place of God by his Spirit. Only then will the world believe in Christ as Peacemaker. Only then will God receive the glory due to his name.”*

Tony Evans- *“Unity is oneness of purpose, not sameness of persons.”*

**Ephesians 4:1-6** *“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

*eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

Lucas Ramirez- *“Unity is when all followers of Jesus realize their interconnectedness and pursue the oneness as seen in the Triune God in order to become one with God and with each other—for His glory and the expansion of His kingdom.”* (Designed for More-Unleashing Christ's Vision for Unity in a Deeply Divided World)

**Revelation 7:9-10:** *“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!””*

Francis Chan- *“Our believability is based on our unity.”*

**Acts 2:42-47**

**Application:**

**a. Ask God to unify your sight with His.**

For some of you that means praying and asking God to help you see others the way He sees them, to look at them through spiritual lens instead of physical ones. For others this means to ask God to reveal to you where your sight has been blurred, and what you need to repent and refocus God's way. And for some of you this may mean asking God to give you sight to forgive others.

**b. Let Scripture guide how you to be unified with one another.**

Do a deep dive into the 47 “one another” verses scattered throughout the New Testament. Pick two or three each week to pray and intentionally practice daily.

**c. Go be unified with one another.**

Make it personal, who is someone that follows Jesus that God is calling you to be unified with this week?

Last word, God's Word:

**John 17:26** *“I 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.”*