

“Listen Up-Jesus is Praying For You”



The Prayer of Jesus

John 17:20-26

"I do not pray for these alone," Jesus says, "but for those who will believe in Me through their word. That they all maybe one as You, Father are in Me and I in You that they also maybe one in us that the world may believe that You sent Me and the glory which You gave Me, I have given them that they maybe one just as we are one.

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I in them and You in Me that they may be made perfect in one that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved Me as you have loved them," or "love them as You have loved Me".

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave me may be with me where I am that they may behold My glory which you have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

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John 17:20-26

"Oh, righteous Father, the world has not known You, but I have known You. And these have known that You sent Me." "And I have declared to them Your name and will declare it that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them and I in them."

Three Thoughts on the Prayer of Jesus

1. The Scope of Jesus' Prayer

Jesus never prayed for the world except when
He was on the cross

Jesus prayed for second generation believers

Jesus introduced trickle down evangelism

Principle: one person who tells another who tells
another

It's like a baton in a relay race

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1. The Scope of Jesus' Prayer

Examples

Edward Kimball in 1856, a Sunday School teacher in Chicago, shared the gospel with a shoe salesman

D.L. Moody-F.B. Meyer-Wilbert Chapman (YMCA) - Billy Sunday-Mordecai Ham-Billy Graham

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1. The Scope of Jesus' Prayer

Billy Graham shared the gospel with more people than any other person in history

What do you do with the gospel?

Study it, Analyze it, Defend it, Give it away

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II. The Substance of Jesus' Prayer

Present Unity

vv.21-23

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:
as you Father are in me and I in you

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I in them and you in me, that they may be be
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Modeled by the Godhead

Enabled by the Godhead

Even though Jesus prayed for unity there was a
lack of unity

The apostles-the first church at Jerusalem-
Disagreement between Peter and Paul-Paul and
Barnabas split company over John Mark-
throughout church history

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II. The Substance of Jesus' Prayer

What Jesus doesn't mean when he prayed for
unity of believers

Organizational unity-Uniformity-

Disagreements on nonessentials

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Present Unity

In one aspect, this is accomplished

Galatians 3:26-28

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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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."

Ephesians 4:4-5

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;"

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On the other hand, we must work toward unity

Ephesians 4:3

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

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The fact is one thing, the experience is another
thing: like a marriage

Our unity proves the authenticity of what we
preach

We live before watchful eyes: under the world's
scrutiny

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II. The Substance of Jesus' Prayer

"Division in the church breeds atheism in the world"--Thomas Manton

To preach the gospel without unity is insanity

When there is disunity, get close to Jesus

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III. The Sum of Jesus' Prayer

Future Glory

In heaven with Christ

We have a desire to see Jesus, and He has a
desire to see us there too

When Christians cease to think about heaven,
division happens on earth

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III. The Sum of Jesus' Prayer

What We Know Vs.25

Oh righteous Father, the world has not known you but I have known you and they have **know** that you sent me

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III. The Sum of Jesus' Prayer

What We Know

His followers know the truth

1 John 5:19-20

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true;

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What We Know

and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

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What We Do:

Vs.26

"And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

We have an unlimited ability to love: "Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts"

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What We Do:

Love God

Love truth

Love His kids

Love the world, because Jesus died for them

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What We Do:

Easier to love people theoretically than actually:

"I love the world, it's just the people I can't stand" --Linus in *Peanuts*, by Charles Shultz

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What We Do:

Modesto Manifesto:

An agreement between George Beverly Shea,
Billy Graham, and Cliff Barrows.

They agreed to never speak ill about another
brother or sister in Christ.