

“How to live in oneness”

John 17:20-26

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the LORD. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:19-23

Jesus' prayer in John 17

- Jesus prays for himself (1–5)**
- for the disciples (6–19), and**
- for all believers (20–26)**

¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, **protect them** by the power of your name, the name you gave me, **so that they may be one as we are one.**

John 17:11

²¹that 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.

²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one

²³I in them and you in me so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Then the world will know that you sent me **and** have loved them even as you have loved me.

[John 17:21-23](#)

Oneness of the Father, the Son, and (the Holy Spirit)

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, ...”

Matthew 11:27

“I and the Father are One.”

John 10:30

“He who has seen me has seen the Father.”

John 14:9

“But the Paraclete (Helper), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

John

14:26

“Paraclete comes ... he will bear witness of me.”

John

15:26

“If anyone loves me, they will keep my word; and the Father

Jesus speaks of his working relationship with the Father and the Spirit

- Jesus only does what he sees his Father doing (**John 5:19**)
- Jesus does what he does in the power of the Holy Spirit (**Luke 9:20**)
- Jesus has come to make the Father known to his disciples (**John 17:12**)
- Jesus has come to baptize his disciples in and with the Spirit (**Mark 1:8, John 1:33**)

4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live
worthily of the calling with which you have been called,
4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with
one another in love,
4:3 making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Challenge of our differences and it's cure

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:1-5

According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Sexual immorality, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil:

Pride leads to every other vice:

it is the complete anti-God state of mind...

... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began.

“Mere Christianity” C. S. Lewis

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

Philippians 2:6

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15-16

2The evening meal was underway, and the devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had delivered all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was returning to God. So He got up from the supper, laid aside His outer garments, and wrapped a towel around His waist 5After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that was around Him.

John 13:2-5

¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right,
because that's what I am.

¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your
feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have
done to you.

¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their
master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one
who sends the message.

¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for
doing them.

John 13:13-17

Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?” And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him. [Luke 22:63-65](#)

⁷ Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also *one* of this Man’s disciples, are you?”

He said, “**I am not.**” [John 18:17](#)

⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus.

When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. [Mark 14:50-52](#)