The High Priestly Prayer: Unity in Holiness, Part I John 17:20-26

- I. Christian unity is unity in holiness.
 - A. This not first a prayer for unity.
 - B. The center of the prayer: "keep them in your name" (11, 15, 17; John 14:1-3).
 - C. Kept and sanctified in preparation for the wedding feast (see John 2:4).
 - D. Unity is the result of holiness.
- II. Unity in holiness is created through the church-proclaimed word.
 - A. Unity across place (see Galatians 1-2; Acts 15; Revelation 5:9-10).
 - B. Unity across time.
 - C. The word is proclaimed by the church (Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 5:14; 1 Timothy 3:15).
- III. Unity in holiness is the testimony to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.
 - A. Evangelism in the early church?
 - B. It is our holiness that calls the world to Jesus Christ.
 - C. It is our unity in holiness that will draw others to Christ (Revelation 18:4-5).