

The High Priestly Prayer, Part 3 **John 17:20-26**

Main Point:

Take encouragement and instruction from what Jesus wants for you.

1. Jesus wants you to live as one with other believers.

2. Jesus wants you to be with Him in heaven and behold His glory.

3. Jesus wants you to know the Father's love and be indwelt by Him.

Sinclair Ferguson "His intercession not only encourages and secures us; it teaches us how to live in conformity with our Savior's will."

Richard Phillips "If Jesus looks forward in prayer to a great church that will consist of believers in his Word, then the way that we build and grow his church today is by the teaching and preaching of God's Word."

Galatians 3:28 28 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. (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:1-3 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "We can ask no stronger proof of the value of unity among Christians, and the sinfulness of division, than the great prominence which our Master assigns to the subject in this passage."

Sinclair Ferguson "Our Lord's burden is that His church will be His chief evangelistic agency and that the fellowship Christians have with each other will make a powerful evangelistic impact."

Richard Phillips "Christians, though often despised on earth, are desired by Christ in heaven."

John 14:3 3 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. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "Christ speaks here as if he did not count his own happiness complete unless he had his elect to share with him in it."

Samuel Rutherford "O my Lord Jesus Christ, if I could be in heaven without thee, it would be a hell; and if I could be in hell, and have thee still, it would be a heaven to me, for thou art all the heaven I want."

Revelation 5:12 12 ... "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (NKJV)

Gordon Keddie "The triumph of the great day when he comes to judge the living and the dead will occasion a celebration like no other, and he wants his people to be there."

Charles Ross "It is impossible to behold this glory, and to remain a mere spectator of it. To behold it is to partake of it - to become a sharer with him in his glory."

Philippians 3:20-21 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body ... (NKJV)

D.A. Carson "This continued work will be by means of the promised Holy Spirit. By this continued ministry, the love of the Father for the Son will extend to the disciples and fill them, and Jesus himself will be present in them by the agency of the Counselor ..."

John 13:1 1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. (NKJV)