

JESUS PRAYS THAT YOU WILL BELIEVE

JOHN 17:20-23

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

THROUGH THE DISCIPLES' WORD TO BE ONE. (John 17:20, 21, 23a) “The perfection of this unity will only be reached so long as the believers keep in touch with their exalted Lord and contemplate the glory which has been His for eternity.” R.V.G. Tasker, *John*, p. 191. “Christian unity is supernatural because it comes from God’s nature and is only experienced in its fullness as we draw close to Him....That unity, though, does not mean uniformity in everything....We are not called to be Christian clones.” Kent Hughes, *John*, p. 408. (John 17:20, 21, 23a, fn 17:20, fn 17:21-23[1st], fn 17:21-23[2nd], I Corinthians 12:4-7, I John 1:3, 4, fn 1:3, 4) *Why is it important for believers to have unity?*

THROUGH THE DISCIPLES' WORD TO BE GIVEN GLORY FROM JESUS. (John 17:22) Glory is the true apprehension of God or things. It is also the idea of His royal majesty as Messiah. Zodhiates, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, p. 478 & 479. (II Thessalonians 2:13-15, fn 2:14, II Corinthians 3:14-18, fn 3:18, II Corinthians 4:6, John 16:12-15, fn 16:23-27) *Have you received God’s glory and, if so, how is it evident in your life?*

THROUGH THE DISCIPLES' WORD TO RECEIVE GOD’S LOVE EVEN AS HE LOVES JESUS (John 17:23) “The Greek translated ‘even as’ means ‘just as’ or ‘to the same degree that.’ Jesus is telling us that God loves those who are Christ’s *to the same degree and in the same way* that He loves Christ!” Kent Hughes, *John*, p.411. This is astounding! (Romans 5:5-8, fn 5:8, Ephesians 3:16-19, fn 3:17-19, I John 4:7-12, fn 4:8, I John 3:1, fn 3:1) *How do you know that God loves you, and what effect does that have on the world around you? (See Hebrews 11:6)*

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Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.

