

“How Jesus Prays: Make the Many One”
John 17 – Part 3
Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The unity of God’s people is patterned after and empowered by the Trinity, evidenced by a common declaration of faith and display of spiritual fruit, and results in a faithful witness to the world.*

Introduction: The Problem of Division, and the Prayer for Unity

The Nature of Christian Unity

1. *Christian unity is Trinitarian.* (Key References—1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Jn. 10:30; 5:19, 23, 30; 14:16–17, 23; Ephesians 4:3–6; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:2, 5; 1 John 1:6–7)
2. *Christian unity is unity in holiness.*
3. *Christian unity is unity in truth.* (Key References—John 14:6; Ephesians 4:5)
4. *Christian unity is God-made and growing.* (Key References—Ephesians 4:1, 3; 2:12–16; 4:13; Philippians 4:2)

The Evidence of Christian Unity

1. *Christian unity is not primarily evidenced in institutional identification or the absence of disagreements.*
2. *Christian unity is primarily evidenced in a common declaration of faith in Christ and display of the fruit of the Spirit.*

Conclusion: The Outcome of Christian Unity

1. *The outcome of Christian unity is a faithful witness to the world of the truth of the gospel.*
2. *The outcome of Christian unity is a faithful witness to the world of God’s love for his people.*