

Series: Jesus Is (55)

Title: Jesus Prays for Unity Scripture: John 17:20-26

2024 Memory Verses: Theme Verse: *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* **John 13:34–35 ESV April:** "17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." **John 17:7-8 ESV**

- 1. We are an answer to the prayers of Jesus when we believe and confess the gospel and when we open our mouths and tell others the gospel. (vs. 20-21)
 - God answers the prayers of Jesus by getting the world out of us as we follow Christ.
 (v. 21)
- 2. We have unity with Christ and the church that is given by God. (vs. 21-23, Psalm 133)
 - a. Unity is centered on Christ and His Word.
 - b. Unity is sustained by a mutual relationship with Jesus. (v. 22)
 - c. Unity is not uniformity. (Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 2:14-16)
 - d. Unity is diversity with harmony. (Prov. 6:16; Titus 3:3, 9-10)
 - e. Unity lived out by the church in the world helps the world believe the gospel and receive the love of Christ. (23, Phil. 2:1-9)
- 3. We have a future glory we will enjoy forever rooted in the love God has for Jesus, the love Jesus has for us, the love we have in the church, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (vs. 24-26; Col. 3:4; Eph. 1:13-14)

