

Our Unity: Our Witness to the World
John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that we would all . . .

experience the unity shared between the Father and the Son, 20-23.

- 1. Unity = *one* with the Father and Son (the perfect unity)
- 2. Unity = *one* with each other, modeled upon Father and Son.
- Why pray this way? Has it been answered (Eph. 4:13, 5:27)?
- What is the repeated purpose of our brotherly unity? See 21b, 23, as our unity = a key to reaching the unchurched!
- What kind of model for unity did the Father and Son leave for us? Note Jn. 4:34, 8:29,38, 54, 9:4, 14:10, 15:9, 10, 17:8.

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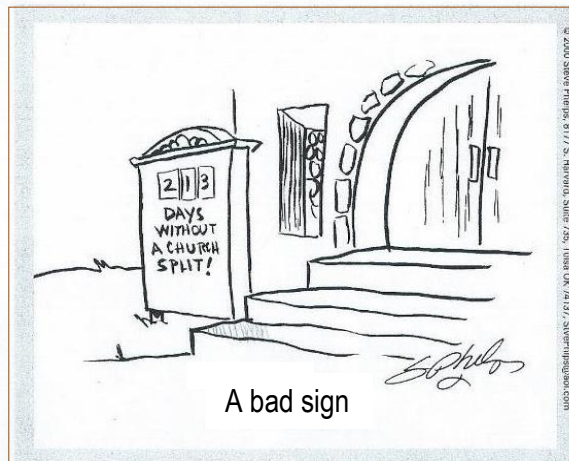
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experience the glory of Jesus given by the Father to the Son, 24.

- *Glory* was seen in death (17:1); modeled by doing the Father's works (17:4); and will be seen in future splendor (17:5). Our glory in 17:22 is as in 17:4 ("sent out" to continue work,17:18).
- The glory Jesus wants us to experience with Him in 17:22 is of splendor—and we get to share in it! Rom. 6:5, 8:29, I Jn. 3:2.

experience the love shared between the Father and the Son, 25,26.

Like unity and glory, love was modeled for us by the Father and Son (15:9,10). The goal is to copy this love, as commanded in 13:34,35, 15:11,12. See also in I Jn. 3:11,16-18, 4:7-11.



Am I “experiencing God”? If so, that means I am . . .