

Bible Studies

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Who does Jesus pray for?

How do you find eternal life? v2



Read John 17v1-5

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How was Jesus going to bring Glory to God?

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Verse 5 is important what does it tell us?



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What does Jesus pray for? v11b

v11c

v13b

v15b

v17

How would you describe Jesus Prayer?

What does this passage tell us about Jesus? Eg v7,10

What doesn't Jesus pray for? v9, v15

for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. John 17:14

Is this true?

What does it mean to be in the world but not of it?

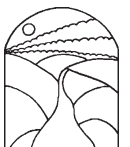
How does Jesus compare His ministry to theirs? v18

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Why does Jesus pray separately for his disciples and those who will become disciples? Maybe this pray was specifically for the time of testing that they would experience when Jesus was arrested and crucified.



Read Luke 22:31-32
How does this tie in with John 17?

There is similar content some people think it is the same prayer. I think 'that your faith may not fail' is a very powerful prayer, and one that we should pray. *Maybe it is only in a universe where faith is daily tested, that faith can flower and grow, or even exist at all!*



Read John 17v20-26

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	v23a	<input type="text"/>
	v23b	<input type="text"/>
Goal	v23c	<input type="text"/>

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

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This passage describes a four square unity

You are in me and I am in You v21  *that they may be one v22*
May they also be in us v21 *I in them and you in me v23*

Make sure you know who the you, me's and them's are.

What does 'You are in me and I am in you' mean? v21

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I find it very significant that of all the things Jesus could have prayed for us, he prayed for our unity, both with each other and with Him.

Why is our unity so important?

Do you think these kinds of unity are interdependent?

Jesus idea of unity seems to be Unity in **Relationship** before it is unity of believe, or practice or style.

Unity in Style and practice is not necessarily a good thing.

Why do you think variety between different churches in a town is important?

People are different and the Church needs to reflect those differences. A loud, joyful bouncy church is exactly what some people need, others want reverence and calm.

God is bigger than all our forms of worship, none of our styles worships Him in totality, Taken as a multicoloured mosaic we get a bit closer.

Unity in believe has two defects: it is hard to achieve, but it can be practised at a distance. *I am in unity with... I never see them or talk to them, I don't really know them but we are in unity, Hallelujah.* I think Jesus prayer aimed at something greater than this.

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those who would believe.

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That He may bring glory to God

That God may glorify him

How was Jesus going to bring Glory to God?

By providing eternal life

By revealing the Father.

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That Jesus was Pre existant ie Jesus was with God before he cam to earth, he was no mere mortal



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v11b

Protect them

v11c

They may be one

v13b

Full measure of Joy

v15b

Protect them from TEO

v17

Sanctify them

How would you describe Jesus Prayer? *very natural full of confidence & faith.*

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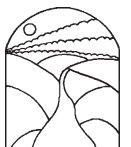
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	v23a	I in them
	v23b	Complete unity
Goal	v23c	World may know.
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	v24b	See my glory
	v26b	God's love in them

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You=Father, I=Jesus
They=US
They=US, US=Father & Jesus
I=Jesus, Them=US, You=Father

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