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# Why Jesus Prayed For Our Unity

It is not the union of nature which is referred to, but the union of plan, of counsel, of purpose seeking the same objects, and manifesting attachment to the same things, and a desire to promote the same ends.

**Albert Barnes,** Albert Barnes' Notes On The Bible



## Romans 12

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

## Why Unity Is Difficult

- ◆ Someone's Will Must Die
- ◆ Someone's Rights Must Be Limited Voluntarily

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## 1. Unity Testifies Of Jesus (v21)



The lost world cannot see God, but they can see Christians; and what they see in us is what they will believe about God. If they see love and unity, they will believe that God is love. If they see hatred and division, they will reject the message of the Gospel.

**Warren Wiersbe,** Wiersbe Bible Commentary

## John 13

**34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



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## 2. Unity Embraces God's Glory (v22)



When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will  
appear with Him in glory.

**Colossians 3:4**

## Ephesians 1

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.



The foundation of our unity is the same as the foundation of unity between the Father and the Son: equality of person. We are all on the same ground at the cross.

**David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary**



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**3. Unity Displays God's Love (v23)**



from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Ephesians 4:16**

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**3. Unity Displays God's Love (v23)**

What an amazing truth this is! Here I find there is no difference between the love the Father has for His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love He has for His children of faith in Jesus Christ.

**H. A. Ironside,** Ironside's Notes On John



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## 4. Unity Foreshadows Our Future (v24)



Christians are all redeemed by the same blood, and are going to the same heaven. There are no ties so tender as those which bind us in the gospel. There is no friendship so pure and enduring as that which results from having the same attachment to the Lord Jesus.

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