

THE SUPERNATURAL UNITY OF GOD.

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John 17:20–23-Passion

Joh 17:20 “And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message.

Joh 17:21 I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me.

Joh 17:22 For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.

Joh 17:23 You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience ***perfect unity***, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.

His prayer was that we would become **“perfectly one.”**

Act 2:44 All the believers were in ***fellowship as one body***, and they shared with one another whatever they had.

Act 2:45 *Out of generosity* they even sold their assets to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.

Act 2:46 Daily they met together in the temple courts and in one another’s homes to celebrate communion. They shared meals together with joyful hearts and tender humility.

Act 2:47 They were continually filled with praises to God, enjoying the favor of all the people. And ***the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were coming to life.***

The extent of their unity.

Acts 4:32–35-Passion

Act 4:32 All the believers were ***one in mind and heart***. ***Selfishness was not a part of their community***, for they shared everything they had with one another.

Act 4:33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and ***great measures of grace rested upon them all.***

Act 4:34 (34-35) Some who owned houses or land sold them and brought the proceeds before the apostles to distribute to those without. Not a single person among them was needy.

Philippians 1:27-28-Passion

27 Whatever happens, ***keep living your lives based on the reality of the gospel of Christ, which reveals him to others.*** Then when I come to see you, or hear good reports of you, ***I’ll know that you stand united in one Spirit and one passion—celebrating together as conquerors in the faith*** of the gospel.

28 ***And then*** you will never be shaken or intimidated by the opposition that rises up against us, for ***your courage*** will only prove as a sure sign from God of their coming destruction ***and that you have found a new life.***

If we’re going to see our unity become a reality, we need to **count the cost** and decide whether **we will commit**. It doesn’t come naturally.

He didn’t expect His followers to be **perfect**, but He did demand that they be **committed** (Luke 9:57–62).

To love one another **like family**, we will need to have **grace and forgiveness**.

1Timothy 1:19-20-TLB

19 ***Cling tightly to your faith in Christ and always keep your conscience clear, doing what you know is right.*** For some people have ***disobeyed their consciences and have deliberately done what they knew was wrong.*** It isn’t surprising that soon ***they lost their faith in Christ*** after defying God like that.

20 Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples of this. I had to give them over to Satan to punish them **until they could learn not to bring shame** to the name of Christ.