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Unity Prayer ~ John Seventeen

The seventeenth chapter of the gospel according to John is the chapter that has the prayer of Jesus for unity. Different cases of unity are found in this chapter. For one thing there is unity in the creation of man.

THE CREATION OF MAN

Twice in this chapter the Lord reminded the Father that He loved Him before the world was, and again He said before the foundation of the world. Before the world and before us, there was God. And God said, "Let us make man in our image." There was more than one person involved in the creation of man. Let us make man. The Apostle John tells us: "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

Again we notice that there was not only unity on the creation of man but there was unity of the Trinity on salvation.

UNITY OF THE TRINITY IN SALVATION

It was God the Father's idea to send Jesus to die on the cross. In the Garden of Eden God said, "The seed of the woman shall crush the head of the serpent and the serpent shall bruise His heel." In this prayer Jesus said that life eternal was to know God and Him whom Thou didst send even Jesus Christ. God said somebody has to go and redeem the human race. God sent Jesus to do it.

We know that Jesus agreed with this plan because at that great Summit Meeting on the mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus of His decease that He would accomplish at Jerusalem.

Not only was there unity in the matter of salvation but there was unity also in the humanity and divinity of Jesus.

HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS

In this prayer Jesus reminded the Father that He had sent Him. Gabriel told Mary, "The Most High shall overshadow thee wherefore the Holy thing that is begotten shall be called the Son of God." Jesus was human in the flesh

and divine in Spirit. The word became flesh and dwelt among us. His flesh always submitted to the will of the divine.

Sometimes the flesh was in the ascendancy and at other times the Spirit. When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane it was His flesh that said, "Let this cup pass away from Me." But it was His Spirit that said, "Not My will but thine be done." The flesh always agreed with the Spirit.

After fasting forty days the Devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread. This was a great temptation. His flesh wanted to grab a stone, turn it into a loaf of bread and eat it. It was his divinity that said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And the flesh agreed with the divine. It was a great temptation when the Devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple and ask Him to jump. The flesh said, "Jump." The Spirit said, "Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord Thy God." When the Devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, what a temptation. The Devil showed Him the United States. He showed Him the statue of Liberty; he showed Him a country from the prairie to the purple mountains majesty from sea to shining sea and said, "Jesus it is all yours. You can have it if you worship me." The flesh said, "Take it," but the Spirit said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God and Him only shalt Thou serve." There was unity with the flesh and the Spirit in every temptation.

Not only was there unity in the humanity and the divinity of Jesus, but there was unity also between Jesus and His Apostles in their view of the word of God.

UNITY OF THE APOSTLES AND THE TRINITY OF THE WORD

Jesus prayed, "I have manifested unto them the word which Thou hast given unto Me and they have kept Thy word." The Apostles all agreed for Jesus said, "I have given

unto them Thy word and they received them.”

To make sure the Apostles gave us the right message He had already told them when He the Holy Spirit is come He will guide you into all the truth and bring to your remembrance all things that I said unto you.

No only was there unity with the trinity and the Apostles on the word of God, but there was unity between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in evangelism.

UNITY IN EVANGELISM

Jesus in his prayer prayed, “As Thou didst send Me into the world, even so sent I sent them into the world.” The Father sent the Son and the Son sent the Apostles. He said, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Then notice there was not only unity in evangelism but there was unity on the Judgment Day.

UNITY OF THE JUDGMENT DAY

There is a unanimous decision as to who will preside on the Judgment day. In this prayer Jesus said the Father had given Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom Thou hast given Me, I Should give eternal life. Paul on Mars Hill informed them that God had appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through that Man whom He hath ordained inasmuch as He hath raised Him from the Dead.

Jesus also said that He would be the Judge on that day when John recorded the words of Jesus when He said, “For neither doth the Father judge any man, but He hath given all judgment unto the Son; that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.

Then again there was not only unity on the Judgment Day, there was unity in the Kingdom of Darkness.

UNITY OF THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

Jesus mentioned this when He said in His prayer, “I have given them Thy word and the world hated them because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world. I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one.” The Devil is opposed to everything in the program of salvation of the world. And he is not alone. Every area of the kingdom of darkness is united in the program to damn your soul. Paul mentions several areas in the Devil’s kingdom: Principalities, powers, rulers of this world’s darkness, a veritable host of wickedness in high places. King Herod and Pilate were enemies but they united in their effort to crucify Jesus. The Pharisees and the Sadducees were enemies yet they united in their desire to crucify Jesus.

The kingdom of darkness is just as real as any physical nation. The Devil has convinced millions that he does not exist. The only reason you cannot see the Devil and many of the demons that surround us at all times is because they live in a different frequency. Turn on the radio to the AM dial and you hear this program. If you turn the switch to the FM dial you may get another program at the same place on the dial as the AM station. It is all in the difference of the frequency. If we could somehow switch from the physical frequency to the spiritual frequency you would see the Devil and a host of demons leering at you. Their forked tongues and their cold blooded eyes with that malevolent gaze concentrated on you. They hate you with

a hatred that can come only from the depths of the bottomless pit. However, in that spiritual frequency the Christian would also see a host of the angels of God of whom the scripture tells us are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for the sake of them that inherit eternal salvation. But then there was not only unity in the Kingdom of darkness, but there is also unity as to the identity of the Judge of the Judgment Day.

THE JUDGE ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

Jesus prayed, “Thou hast given Him authority over all flesh; that to all whom Thou has given Him He should give eternal life.” Then Jesus said, in John five, “All judgment hath been given unto the Son that to all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father, he that honoreth not the Father who sent Him.” It was Paul who said on Mars Hill, “That God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world through that man whom He hath ordained whereof He hath given assurance unto all the nations in that He hath raised Him from the dead.” Last of all there is unity among the followers of Jesus.

UNITY OF THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Jesus also prayed not only for the Apostles, but all them that would believe on Him through their word, “That they all may be one as Thou Father art in Me and I in thee that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.” Jesus prayed for the unity of all in His Church.

That prayer was answered on the day of Pentecost fifty days after the resurrection. The Apostles that day were baptized in the Holy Spirit and given the power to speak as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance the story of the trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Peter told the audience that their sin had killed God’s Son and when they inquired as to what they must do. (Since they already believed Peter’s story of the gospel, he did not tell them since you already believe you don’t have to do anything else.) He told that believing audience to repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

They then that gladly received his word were baptized and there were added unto them about 3,000 souls. The final verse of Acts chapter two says the Lord added unto them day by day those that were saved. The prayers of Jesus for the unity of all who believed on Him by the word of the Apostles were answered. They were all One. There was not a single Protestant or Catholic denomination among them.

Evidently something had gone haywire. It seems like a mystery. How did the Devil persuade people who love the Lord to divide up into so many denominations when they all use the same inspired Bible? The Church of Christ is split into about thirty different groups who won’t associate with each other, it should be no great surprise that no other religious group believes we are not a denomination.

If division among people who love the Lord happens, it is because some have taken away from what the Lord said, and some have added to what the Lord said, by making matters of opinion matters of faith, and delivered something else. (Excerpted from the sermon, The Prayer of Jesus)



Update from Ike & Lee



Lee standing 2nd from left and Ike standing at right

Everybody in the family is doing fine by the grace of God. We thank Him for everything, but please, do remember us in prayer. We also would like to use this medium to thank every body for prayer for our Daughter Deloris (Dee). Today, the frequent headaches and many other symptoms are gone, but she still has many other ill health problems to cater for so please, continue to pray for her. Brainerd, David, Roberta and Claudia are all doing very fine by the grace of God.

I started my soul winning and visitation earlier at 5 AM to make sure I visit everybody in the church before they leave for their jobs and thank God I was successful with till 12:15 PM when I retired to go home for my lunch instead of breakfast after which I left for Okoabena and then to Fianko. Our young ministry is still winning souls in the rural areas for Christ unabated! Nothing will stop us from winning souls for Christ. We believe in one thing that, "God's work done in God's way, never lacks God's support." That is why God miraculously linked us to Ed and Naomi Bousman of GIJAPA to join hands together to win more souls for Him. PTL! Our work (currently) in three of the six villages, namely; Fianko, Okoabena and Odankwaa, that have been earmarked to send the Gospel to are doing very well and yielding good results. The kind of transports we have here are very appalling and uncomfortable to travel on. A taxicab for instance takes 4 (at times 6) people at the back and 3 (sometimes 4) including the driver in front. Human beings are sometimes even packed in the boots and the rickety nature of the cars and the roads, too, are another issue to talk about. At times we have to walk where there is no motor able roads to some of the villages; the danger of wild animals and reptiles, been attacked by wicked men and the possibility of hurting yourself in the woods, just to mention but few are some of the dangers and issues to be addressed with our soul winning operations. But in all this, we are on without hesitation and murmuring. Nineteen souls have been baptized between January and March 2006. Many factors hinder people from baptizing but we are doing what we can to assist them so they can give themselves to God. Such people too stay in the Lord after waiting so long

to be baptized. Please do pray all these new converts and for all those we shall be bringing into the Lord.

Many people are gladly studying the word of God through the Bible Correspondence Courses and those who have completed with their studies in The Studies In The Bible are asking to be enrolled in other courses. Everyday as early as 6 AM to even 10 PM, people keep coming to our house to either request for or submit or collect a bunch of courses. We also receive more than 60 requests for the course through our mailbox and also through E-mail. Among our students are Headmasters, Headmistresses, Teachers, Pastors, Evangelists, Junior and Senior Secondary School Children, Medical Doctors, Customs Officers, Traders and people of all walks of life. Amen! It will also surprise you to know that Moslems are taking the course-Halleluiah! As promised in December last year that we are going to enroll a greater number of people, we have more than doubled the number than we expected. We have so far registered 216 students between January 1 and March 14, 2006. We hope to enroll and win many souls for Christ through this project by the end of December 2006. We thank God for GIJAPA for fulfilling its promises to supply all the needed materials for the running of the course. We would also like to thank Bob and Martha Feathers for their tapes for our graduates. We thank them so very much. We cannot end this report without showing our appreciation to all of you out there who are listening to the GIJAPA Radio Broadcast, reading the Newsletter and tracts, studying the course and donating to GIJAPA. We also specially thank Ellen at GIJAPA and all those for their wonderful gifts to us. May God richly bless you!



LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Ed,

I have had three or four attempts to write this letter Ed. Firstly, thank you for the Bible. The NIV Bible is very clear and concise and I am enjoying reading it.

Please find enclosed \$17 to help offset the cost of both the Bible and P&P (postage). I would like to send you more but my wife and I are both on a fixed retirement income. As to the religious course. I must admit my knowledge of the Bible leaves a lot to be desired.

However, I do my best to read a little of the sacred book every day and listening to the spoken word, which inspires my religious life.

Best regards, Ian from England

Dear Friends in Christ,

I live in Chicago, Illinois and by pure luck I caught your broadcast on WRVA 1150 AM radio dial (Richmond, VA). I was listening at 8:30 PM Chicago time (central time). As I write this I am losing your signal. I loved your broadcast and I wish I had some audio tapes of your broadcast. I wish I could hear you better but you are just too far away. We need someone like you guys up here in Chicago--I do

love audio tapes if you could help me on this please write back with good news. (We sent him 8 tapes along with newsletter with radio log). PS are you on short-wave radio? God bless Bill from Chicago, ILL

The letter below is written by Brother Edward an English professor in the Christian Union College in India that listens to the Sri Lanka GIJAPA broadcasts and lets us know that they are indeed being aired. I sent his name to Bob & Martha Feathers from the Pinehurst Church of Christ in Marietta for additional audio tapes. The Church there provides the funds for this tape ministry.

Dear Sister Martha:

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks for the three taped messages. I listened to them over and over again. I especially challenged by the message of PRAYING WITH POWER by Jackie Miller. What greatly made me think there was the use of Lord's Prayer. Here at our chapel we daily say the prayer at the close of the service both in the morning and evening. I think I need to instruct and enlighten our students that it was shown by our Lord as a model--not to be so repeatedly said mechanically without any deep thought. Please thank him for the message to us. I will place these tapes for circulation among students.

Brother Ed is a blessing to us. He has been sending us tapes on regular basis. We have good many tapes of him in our catalogue. We hear him also on radio on Sundays at 8:30 AM in 19 meter band from Sri Lanka. It is a time I am torn between for our chapel bell goes at 8:45 AM. His broadcast is loud and clear here. Kindly remember me to him. You may please forward a copy of this letter to him, if possible.

A small servant,
Edward Union Christian College, INDIA

Dear Ed & Naomi,

In 2005 Debra & I donated \$1 (enclosed check) for each person who attended Sunday School at Versailles Church of Christ for Bibles and study material that you send around the world. This was an incentive for people to study the word here and worldwide. Thank you for your efforts to proclaim HIS gospel and your encouragement to the saints. God bless you.

In Christ, J.R. & Debra, Versailles, IN

Dear Bro. Bousman & Naomi,

Another month has passed, seems like so quickly. I hope I can do as well or better this year like the poem says, but seems I have slowed down considerably. I am mailing out some Christian literature to the Voice of Martyrs to go overseas. I got all of your newsletters mailed out. I mailed a couple to our President Bush. I am reading his book on Faith. Seems a little confused about Baptism. Thought might help him.

Love Theola, Milton, KY

Dear Ed & Naomi,

I hope you are doing well up there in Ohio this winter. I got the opportunity to go to Liberia with Bro. Reggie Thomas in November. The Lord blessed the efforts over there. An evangelist I worked with over there needs a good Bible study course and I thought of you all as I know you send a lot of materials to Africa. Do you have anything? (Barry's second reply) Thank you for your quick response concerning Bible Study materials. The Churches of Christ in the Capital city of Monrovia are only 8-9 years old. There are already 30-31 of them. There needs to be a whole lot of teaching. Here is the name and address of Brother Foday to contact with your study materials. They should return them to you for grading. Thank you and God bless your work. Because of Jesus.

Bro. Barry Kermeen, Columbia, KY

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