

# One People

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## John 17:20-23

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Scripture tells us that...

## 1. ONENESS (UNITY) IS JESUS' HEART FOR HIS PEOPLE

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## 2. ONENESS COMES ONLY THROUGH UNIFIED PURPOSE

### Eph 4:3, 12-13

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit... 12 ... so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God...

Scripture tells us that...

## 3. TOLERANCE IS DIFFERENT THAN UNITY

### John 17:20-21

21 [I pray] "that all of them may be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Scripture tells us that...

## 4. WE ARE UNIFIED AT THE CROSS THROUGH CHRIST

### Gal 3:26-29

26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Scripture tells us that...

## 5. UNITY THROUGH CHRIST PLEASES GOD AND BLESSES US

### Ps 133:1, 3

1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 3 ... For there the Lord bestows (commands) his blessing...