

# **Unity through divine relationship**

John 17:21-22

# Prayers: Abraham, Moses, and Daniel

- **Abraham:** Intercedes for Sodom [Genesis 18:16-33]
- **Moses:** Intercedes for Israel [Exodus 32:30-33]
- **Daniel:** Prays for his people [Daniel 9:1-19]

# Acts of Service and Commandments in John 13-16

- **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet:** [John 13:3-17]
- **The New Commandment:** John 13:34 - <sup>34</sup> *I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another.* <sup>35</sup> *By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.*
- **Answering the Questions the Disciples Asked:**

# **John 17:1**

***"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you."***

# John 17:20-22

***20 “I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word,***

***21 that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may <sup>[a]</sup>believe that You sent Me.***

***22 The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one;***

# Authoritative Messengers of Christ

- **2 Peter 3:2 (ESV)**

*"That you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles."*

- **2 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)**

*"The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works."*

# Matthew 28:18-20

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*

*<sup>19</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to <sup>[b]</sup>follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you <sup>[c]</sup>always, to the end of the age.”*

# John 17:11

*<sup>11</sup> I am no longer going to be in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are.*



# **Oneness of Christian unity**

- Nature of Oneness
- Character of Oneness
- Source of Oneness

# Nature of Oneness

*“even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us.”*

1. Oneness that the Father and Son enjoy
2. Profound Union of shared divine life.
3. reflection of the unity within the Godhead itself.

# Character of Oneness

Ephesians 4:1-3

***4 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***

# Source of Oneness

***22 The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one;***

- The transforming power of God at work in our lives (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9-11)
- The moral and spiritual attributes of Christ being formed in us (Galatians 4:19)