

## Destined To Be One



### Perfected Oneness

Biblical unity or 'oneness' sometimes referred to as being in 'one accord' is not an outward or organizational unity, but the inward spiritual unity based on our life in Christ.

**Introduction:** Jesus now prays specifically for you and I! And He prays that we would be ***one in our witness*** and ***one in glory***. But what does 'being one' really mean?

### Practicing Biblical Oneness

**This is what Jesus prayed we would be like!**

*Philippians 2:2* gives us a good working model of how Biblical oneness is ***practiced!*** "*Fulfill ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*" (KJV)

1. **Likeminded:** *1 Cor 2:16; Col 3:16* — Walking in the Word and Spirit and having the 'mind' of Christ.
2. **One love:** *Rom 12:10; Rom 5:5* — Walking in love.
3. **One accord:** Lit. "one-souled" Walking in God's presence.
4. **One mind:** *Phil 1:27* — Walking in the purposes of God.

#### A. One in Witness *John 17:20-21*

***"...that the world may believe that You sent Me."***

1. **Basis of our oneness:** *John 17:21a; Eph 4:4-6* There are seven features of Holy Spirit-created unity (oneness). (See side bar)
2. **The power of oneness:** The observable unity of the church gives evidence to the world of the truth and power of God.

***Acts 2:45-46*** The unity of the church was a key component to the growth of the church.

***Acts 5:12-16*** Here again, Luke notes that unity is a part of the growth of the church.

***Matthew 28:18-20*** The unity of the Trinity and our unity in the purposes of God (*Phil 1:27*) are evident in the Great Commission. The Son receives ALL authority in heaven and earth from the Father—and sends us IN that authority (dominion-exousia) into the world to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### B. One in Glory *John 17:22-23*

***And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one!***

1. **Present:** The 'glory' of God as we have already seen in this series is the manifestation of God's presence (like a mirror) reflecting from our life. When the body of Christ is one—that glory is seen in EACH believer. Every believer that the unsaved see—see the same glory and image of Christ. That is the POWER of God's glory in oneness.
2. **Future:** We now see Christ '**face to faith**' but one day we will see Him '**face to face.**' When we do—God's glory will be perfected in us and we will be one with Him and each other for eternity.

#### John 17:20-23 (NKJV)

**:20** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

**:21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**:22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

**:23** I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

#### Ephesians 4:4-6 (NKJV)

**:4** There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling;

**:5** **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism;

**:6** **one** God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1a. **One body**-all believers

2a. **One Spirit**-Holy Spirit

3a. **One hope**-Promise of eternal life. *Eph 1:13-14*

4a. **One Lord**-Jesus Christ the head of the body. *Col 1:18*

5a. **One Faith**-The 'faith' handed down to the saints *Jude 3*

6a. **One baptism**-1 Cor 12:13 into the body of Christ

7a. **One God and Father**—who is above all, and through all, and in you all.