



And this gospel of the **kingdom**  
will be *preached* in all the **world**.  
MATTHEW 24:14

## One with Christ

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### Summary

Jesus' prayer for the church in John 17 is that the church would be one together and one with Jesus. He is praying for union; as much as Jesus and God are one, that we would be one with God. There is no difference between the union with Jesus and God and the union between us and God. That's why Jesus could say, "*Greater works will you do!*" The only way we can do these greater works is if in our minds we begin to understand that our union with God is no different than the union that Jesus had with God the Father. Jesus says, "*The glory that You have given Me, I have given them.*" So the glory that the Son experiences is the glory that you and I experience. What's the difference between that glory and the glory that you and I have? There is no difference! Jesus prays in John 17: 22-23, "*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.*" So you can confidently say, God loves me just as much as much as He loves Jesus. God thinks of you just like He thinks of Jesus. There is no difference. In fact, in the eyes of the Father, you are no different to Jesus. His prayer is not about salvation. The gospel message includes salvation, but it's not *just* about salvation. It's a means to an end; not for heaven but for union. Union is to be one with God; to be glorified. We will go to heaven one day. But the purpose, the aim, the depth of it is a process for what God wants established in His church; His fullness in His church. There is still coming a day when He will appear, but the Bible tells us that He will appear in the saints. We don't have to wait for a day for Him to appear. We can have Him come back now in us! Did Jesus ever say that our access to Him is limited? No! We have got the fullness of Him dwelling in us! Then how can we not have access to health and finances and good relationships in the here and now! If we don't believe it in our minds, then we won't experience it. The Bible says in Ephesians 2 that we are seated together with Him in heavenly places. He is saying that we are already in heaven! We make the choice whether we want to go there or not now by believing what the Word says. If it starts in the spirit, that's where our reality is. We can choose to live there. We can choose to experience heaven here on earth. This year is a year of new beginnings. Choose to see things differently.

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- A. Jesus' Prayer to the Father – John 17
    - a. It's the end of His life; He's about to die.
    - b. The first part is to His disciples, the second part is to us who will come to believe through the disciples.
    - c. His prayer for us is that the church would all be one together with them and with Jesus and the Father.
      - i. There is no prayer that Jesus prays just for fun.
      - ii. There is not prayer of Jesus that does not get fulfilled. So this prayer of Jesus has to happen when Jesus prays it.

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- iii. He's praying for a union; as much as Jesus and God are one, that we would be just as one with God.
- iv. There is no difference between the union with Jesus and God and then union between us and God. You can't say that our union with God isn't as much a union as Jesus' union with God. When you look at our union as God; if it's described differently than the union that Jesus has with God, then it's not the union that Jesus prayed for.
- v. The very thing that Jesus was sent to do, He is saying that He is sending us to do; in union with God. That's why He said, "greater works will you do!"
- vi. The only way we can do these greater works is if in our minds we begin to understand that our union with God is no different than the union that Jesus had with God the Father. You cannot separate us and make us different.
- d. He says, "The glory that You have given Me, I have given them."
  - i. So the glory that the Son experiences is the glory that you and I experience. What's the difference between that glory and the glory that you have? Don't let religion cause you to be afraid and shy. What is the difference?
  - ii. Vs. 22-23 – 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. If there's a difference between the love that God had for Jesus and the love that God has for us, it's not the love that Jesus prayed for. So you can confidently say, "God loves me just as much as He loves Jesus." There's no difference. God loves you exactly like He loves Jesus. Not just in emotion; love is not just an emotion. The agape love of God is patient and kind; it thinks the best. God thinks of you just like He thinks of Jesus. There is no difference. In fact in the eyes of the Father, you are no different than Jesus. In the eyes of the Father, you are no different than Himself. In quality and in quantity. He sees you just as much glorified as Jesus.
- e. His prayer is not about salvation.
  - i. The message, the gospel, includes salvation but it's not just about salvation. It's a means to an end. Not for heaven but for union. To be one with God; to be glorified. That is what the gospel message is.
  - ii. We will go to heaven one day. But the purpose, the aim, the depth of it is a process for what God wants established in His church. His fullness in His church. That we may grow up into the fullness of the Godhead.
  - iii. Now we have to change the message of salvation. We say you have to get saved to go to heaven. That's the way they've entered into the door. That's the way you live when you're inside. That's the message we all got preached. If you don't get saved, where are you going?
  - iv. He didn't come here to condemn the world! The message that's been preached in the past is a message of condemnation. If you don't get saved then you're going to hell. That's the way we bring people to salvation. That's not how Jesus called them in. He said, "Follow me". He says to Phillip, you haven't started seeing things yet! You're going to start seeing miracles!
  - v. That's the message of salvation! Come into union with God and you're going to begin to see things that are too good to be true! But instead we've said get saved so you can go to heaven and then once people get saved they realized that heaven is so far away. Not just in distance but in time.

- vi. We begin to do is preach a message to keep people comfortable on chairs while we wait to go to heaven. Jesus never preached that way! Of course, there is a day, but now is. In John 1:16 – God is looking for true worshippers.. and now is! Even when Jesus mother says to Him they need wine. He says it's not my time, but he begins to make wine. Jesus kept on doing this. Religion makes us wait. The gospel message is too good for religion. In their minds; they can't work it out. They put our life in Christ into compartments. He says the reaper will overtake the sower! Religion can't work it out in their minds!
- B. Examination of the Scripture, "He Must Increase, You Must Decrease"
- a. Do you think that's for us?
  - b. Who quoted that in the bible? John the Baptist who came before Christ.
  - c. But John says that there's one that's coming that's preferred to me. He baptizes Jesus and continues to baptize. He says, I must decrease, He must increase. He's saying my purpose, my journey, what God has for me to declare the way, must subside because He's come already. My message was to talk about Him that was coming.
  - d. But you have got that who has increased! How can He increase and you decrease when you're one with Him?
- C. The Coming of Jesus - 2 Thessalonians 1:10
- a. How is He coming?
  - b. We've believed His coming is separate to you and I.
  - c. What does this say? When He shall come, to be glorified in the saints and to be admired in you.
  - d. So the return of the Lord, it will happen but there's a current return that's happened already.
  - e. There is still coming a day where He will appear but the bible tells us that He will appear in the saints. We don't have to wait for a day for Him to appear. We can have Him come back now in us!
- D. Where Is Our Reward? Revelation 22:7
- a. He says behold I come quickly. For the time is at hand.
  - b. John the Baptist said, "Repent for the time is at hand." He was talking about Jesus.
  - c. My reward is with me.
  - d. We've said things in the past like, "Don't worry about what you do here on the earth, one day you'll have your reward in heaven."
  - e. We do things on the earth and we're not looking for a reward because our reward is in heaven.
  - f. Jesus is saying that He's appearing in His saints. He said in His prayer, I am in them and I am in heaven. I am going to heaven but I am appearing in you. He says something here, behold I come quickly and my reward is with me.
  - g. If the reward is with Him, where is your reward? In heaven? No, it's with you because He is in you!
  - h. It doesn't make you unsaved if you don't want it know and are only going to get it in the future. That's your choice.
  - i. The church is beginning to change. I'm more interested in the here and now than the by and by: In healing now and good relationships now and finances now. Jesus lived in the now.

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- j. That's why God says, "I AM." He is the Alpha and the Omega and The Beginning and The End. I have the First and the Last in me. By having Him in me I can experience what the last will produce! I've got access to Him now!
  - k. Did He ever say that that access is limited? No. The fullness of the Godhead dwelling in us bodily. The fullness of Him dwelling in you! We've got access to the fullness of God! Then how can we not have access to health and finances and good relationships? Here and now!
  - l. If you don't believe it in your mind then you won't experience it. He wants us here and now to experience it!
- E. Are We In Heaven or Going to Heaven?
- a. You are still going to go to heaven but you can go to heaven now.
  - b. Eph. 1 says that He is seated in heaven. In chapter 2 He says that we are seated together with Him in heavenly places! He is saying that we are already in heaven! How can you be in heaven but you're still going to heaven?
  - c. You make the choice whether you want to go there or now! By believing what the Word says. If it starts in the spirit, that's where our reality is. We can choose to live there. There is coming a day that we'll enter in physically. You can have that experience now: we can enter in spiritually already! Because in God that's where you are!
- F. We Need To Make Some Choices This Year
- a. The Bible says He's given you everything!
  - b. What choice will you make?
  - c. The only reason you won't choose it is because you're lazy. You don't want to do the work that comes with it.
  - d. You'll have to do like God does. You'll have to speak like God does. You'll have to live like God. The Word of God is near you! You'll have to speak it and live it!
  - e. Living like you're in heaven, the world's system can't affect you. You don't know how not to be disappointed, to be emotionally disturbed. If you want to live in heaven you can't be sad anymore, you can't be tired anymore. If you're not prepared to live like that, then you'll wait to go to heaven.
  - f. If you make a choice, I will always be happy, I will not complain, I will love, I will give all, I will live like God; it's too scary. You're too scared to live like that.
  - g. There's no one blocking the door saying you can't go to heaven; to live like heaven on earth.
  - h. Pray like Jesus. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven! Live the heaven life now.
  - i. This year is a year of new beginnings. Make your choice that you have an abundance of finances. You just have to fix up your mind. Choose to see things differently. Unity. We have to do it together. Make earth heaven too.

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