

“THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE”

An Exegetical and Theological Study of John 17:1-26



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CONTEXT

Living under the pressure of today's complex situation, Jesus' prayer for unity remains a challenge. It is difficult to understand the central message of Jesus' call to unity. For it seems to us that the unity for which Christ prayed is a mystery because this oneness springs up from the very unity of the Son with the Father. At the same time, we find people who tried to address this mystery, who admitted that reflections on this line can never be exhaustive and conclusive. In such a context, a meaningful and comprehensive study of Jesus' prayer for unity in Jn 17:1-26 can provide a new awakening in assimilating the spirit of "Oneness."

METHOD

An Exegetical & Theological Analysis of the Text
A synchronic Reading of the Text using Narrative Approach
Text Critical and Inter-textual Analysis

GOALS

To facilitate a better understanding of the theme "oneness" which is inherent to John 17.
To explore what "oneness" is, and what it is not.
To find out the theological undercurrents behind the text and to highlight the uniqueness of this "oneness" which is the source of the mission today.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

How far is it possible to achieve practically the "Oneness" that Jesus prayed for his disciples?
What does it take to make such "Oneness" more visible?
What is the importance of this "Oneness Model" in the context, where there are lots of disparities?
How can we bring out a "Oneness Model" from this study for the humanity today?

LITERATURE

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