



The Joy-Being ONE with God Our amazing Covenant with CHRIST!

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John 17: 1-26 is the LESSON TEXT

In a group setting: Allow each person to read a section, as you go around the table or room, and then break it down for them after the text is read.

If preaching or teaching a large group, allow the Holy Spirit to bring up or point out the scripture cross references in blue, but stick to the main text of John 17 throughout the teaching.

What does it really mean to BE ONE with God?

Merriam Webster's' Definition:

ONE: Being a single unit or thing, being the same in kind or quality, constituting a unified entity of two or more components, being in agreement or union, a coherent whole.

Unification: The act, process, or result of unifying

Union: An act or instance of unifying or joining two or more things into one

Strong's Concordance Definitions:

One: (Greek word, "hen") One in purpose, one in aim, one in terms of being on the same team and having the same goal.

Son: 5207 (sonship) Greek word, Huios pronounced *hweeos*: A primary word, "son" (sometimes of animals) used very widely of immediate, remote or figurative kinship – a child, foal, son.

Father: 3962 (Greek) Pater pronounced *pat-ayr*: A primary word, a "father" literal or more figuratively, near or more remote: father, parent.

A parent gives ALL for the welfare of their child! A parent gives their very best for the well-being of their children. A parent raises their children so that they can stand on their own.

Adoption: 5206 (Greek) *huiuotesia*, pronounced *hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah*, a compound word from 5207; the placing as a son i.e. adoption (of children, of sons). (And a derivative of 5087: *tithemi*: from the primary *theo*: which is literally to make, ordain, set forth).

God "tithed" JESUS sending the "first fruits" of Himself – of all He was – His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON – Jesus, as a tithe to the human race so that He could reap the Harvest of Adopted Sons and Daughters forevermore! God Tithed Jesus, so that He could reap many "sons" – "huios"!

Family: (from Ephesians 3: 15) 3965 (Greek) *patria* pronounced *pat-ree-ah*' as if the feminine derivative of 3962 (pater); paternal descent i.e. a group of families or a whole **race** (nation):- family, kindred, lineage.

Nation: 1484 (from 1 Pt 2:9) *ethnos* pronounced *eth-nos*. A race (as of the same habit) i.e. a Tribe; specifically a foreign (non-Jewish) one:-Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Glory: (New International Dictionary of the Bible): Hebrew – *Kabod*, means: Weight, the weight therefore the worth of something. As we speak of someone whose word, "carries weight". Glory is both physical and spiritual.

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The indwelling glory or the presence as displayed in Exodus 40: 34-35 and Luke 2: 9 (Glory shown all around them, and changing to God's likeness...Philippians 3: 20

Read E.W. Kenyon's "Identification" mini-book, page 39 titled, "Christ Sat Down".

Who is Jesus? God's Lamb and Man's Lamb. Luke 4:18, Is 61: 1-2

John 17:1-26 – Jesus prayed this prayer in the hearing of the disciples just before He went to the garden of Gethsemane' and was betrayed before going to the cross. This prayer spoke into the earth His Covenant with God that we would be ONE with THEM!

Genesis 1: 3-4 When God spoke, "Let there be light", JESUS WAS!

I John 1: 1-4 Jesus was and is God's light and His Life. He was witnessed with the disciples own eyes, they touched Him, handled Him, spoke with Him, prayed with Him, received instruction and revelation of the Kingdom of God through Him! They had seen and heard Jesus! They testify of these things so that OUR JOY might be complete in us! This is what Jesus brought to us and for us, REAL JOY as a free gift!

I John 3: 1-2 Behold what LOVE the Father has bestowed upon us!

I John 2: 27-28, Abiding in HIM

I Peter 1: 4 Partakers of the Divine Nature

John 15: 5 "I am the Vine and you are the branches, whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing."

John 17: 1-3 When Jesus had spoken these things; He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "*Father, the hour has come. Glorify and exalt and honor and magnify Your Son so that Your Son may glorify and extol and honor and magnify You. [Just as] You have granted Him power and authority over all flesh (all mankind) ^{see*}, [now glorify Him] so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.*"

Jesus, operating in the eternal realm, opens this prayer boldly speaking out to the Father in heaven (prophetically and so that the disciples would hear it so that it could be recorded). He speaks to the Father about the "hour" having come. Jesus operated in the natural and in the supernatural at the same time. Jesus is not afraid or shy to speak out the things that have been spoken by God about Himself. Boldly asking the Father to glorify him so that He can glorify the Father. He knows what time it is, and He knows that His Father will answer His request with YES and SO BE IT! Jesus equates the power and authority that He has, with the Resurrection Power of ETERNAL LIFE, committing Himself to transferring that power of Resurrection, Eternal Life to those He has been entrusted with.

Cross referencing scriptures: *Mt 28: 18-20 "*All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).*"

John 17: 4-5, "*I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed.*" ^{see*}

Reminding God the Father of His success while on the earth to only do and say as the Father has told Him, Jesus, is asking Father God to place us with Him in God's Glory as it was before the world was. This is an amazing request....and proves the depth of the Covenant that Jesus sacrifice and victory at the cross was to accomplish. The Great exchange when Jesus became sin so that we might be the righteousness of God IN CHRIST. **WOW, by making this request of the Father, Jesus took us back before Adam and Eve made the mistake in Eden....back to before God even spoke Light into the earthly realm, back to before the creation of the earth and humankind came into being! John 1: 1-5 says, "All things were made and came into existence through Him and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being."** So, in this portion of Jesus prayer,

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Jesus is proving with His words that he had such a powerful effect on all time and space that He is able to take us to the point at which God began to create! Truly we are made after their image after all.

Cross referencing scriptures: * John 1:1-5, *1 John 1:1-5, *Gen 1:1-3, *Gen 1: 26-27.

John 17: 6-13, “ *I have manifested Your name to those which You have given me out of the world, Yours they were, You gave them to Me; and they have obeyed and kept Your Word. Now [at last] they know and understand that all You have given Me belongs to You. For the [uttered] Words that You gave Me, I have given them; and they have received and accepted them, and have come to know and to believe positively and in reality with absolute assurance that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and are convinced that You did send Me. I am praying for them, I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. All [things that are] Mine are Yours, and all [things that are] Yours belong to Me; and I am glorified in (through) them. [They have done Me honor, in them My glory is achieved]. And now I am no more in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name [in the knowledge of Yourself] those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We [are one]. While I was with them, I kept and preserved them in Your Name. Those You have given me I have guarded and protected, and not one of them has perished or is lost except the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I am coming to You, I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy might be made full and complete and perfect in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have my gladness within them filling their hearts.*” KJV & AMP Versions

Vs. 6-8 Jesus reminds God the Father gives witness and verification to other portions of scripture speaking out into the atmosphere in the hearing of His disciples that He is the Word made flesh on the earth literally. Jesus testifies that He has been the manifestation of God on the earth. He states further that though they were originally God’s, that God gave the disciples and all those who will believe after them to Him as a gift. He states that the disciples have kept the Word and obeyed it, and that the disciples truly understand that Jesus came out from the Father God. This is a paramount moment because it seals our unity as One with Him and He with us. Jesus states in Vs. 3 that eternal life is to know the Father and to know the Son...without that one can not attain eternal life status. The qualifier that we are HIS is in verse 8.

Vs. 9-10 Jesus makes the statement as an example of how to pray that He is praying for HIS OWN, and not for the world. Jesus then re-states that all that is His is from Father God visa-versa, then that we belong to and are a part of both of them.

Vs. 11 Jesus now speaks in the past tense that He is no longer IN the world, but that we are. The transfer from Him to Us has officially happened at this point in a prophetic sense. Jesus tells the Father that He is coming to Him He asks the Father once again that He keep us in HIS NAME and that we may be one with them.

Vs. 12 Jesus reminds God that He has been a good steward of the heavenly call and assignment and that he has not lost one, except the Son of Perdition which is in fulfillment of the Holy Scriptures.

In verse 13 He states he is bringing this all out so that OUR joy might be made full and complete! “*And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have my gladness in them, filling their hearts.*” ^{see *}

Nehemiah 8: 10 says, *Then Ezra told them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared*

Jesus speaks out into the hearing of his disciples and into the atmosphere, the reality of His and His Father’s will and purpose...so that His disciples could hear it. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. In these 5 verses, Jesus is speaking out the REALITY that IN HIM, we have: Joint partnership, joint ownership, joint heirship, unified purpose and focus and all the benefits and blessings of being in GOD’s FAMILY!

If Jesus said that all His Father has is His, and all that He has is His Fathers, and then makes a case for us that we too be partakers of all that they both have, then I would say that He gets what He asks for! So many times in order to bring knowledge and faith to it’s peak, Jesus spoke out, so many times to teach us and to bring us to a full knowledge of WHO we really ARE as new creatures IN CHRIST, we have to hear it over and over again.

CREATION comes by prophetic word. Revelation 19: 10b says it this way: “*For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].*” This is what God did in the beginning when He created the heavens and the earth. He spoke VITAL BREATH out into the atmosphere, by way of INSPIRED PROCLAIMING (preaching & teaching). In John 17, Jesus too, in following the pattern and the laws of life after His Father, is speaking creative prophetic utterances out so that they would be made manifest in the earth for our sakes.

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Cross Referencing Scriptures:

John 14: 23, “If a person really loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.”

John 16: 26-30, “At that time you will ask (pray) in My Name; and I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf [for it will be unnecessary]. For the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from the Father. I came out from the Father and have come into the world; again I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly to us and not in parables (veiled language and figures of speech)! Now we know that You are acquainted with everything and have no need to be asked questions. Because of this we believe that You really came from God.”

*****I John 1: 1-4 read this again

The definition of Joy could also be: To have great confidence and boldness due to an assurance and security that there is abundant provision to accomplish an assignment that one wants to do!

John 17:14-23 says, “*I have given and delivered to them Your Word and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world [do not belong to the world], just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world. Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth. Just as You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth. Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], (prophetic proclamation) but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching, That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one: I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.*

Vs. 14 Here, Jesus is equating Himself with Us. He is stating that just as He is not of the world and the world has hated Him, so it is with us. We are not of the world either!

Vs. 15 Jesus doesn't want us to be taken out of the world yet, because we have work to do to appropriate what he is going to pay for, the redemption of the world, and reconciliation of man-kind to the Father. So He asks the Father to not take us out of the world but to protect us, to keep us FROM evil. This is an awesome statement that Jesus has made. He has again affirmed that we have attained a mighty covenant of protection, and grace, and that we are being equipped fully to habitate the earth for HIS PURPOSES! WE are being ORDAINED right here as HIS AMBASSADORS to represent HIM and to DO HIS WORK! APPOINTED AND ANOINTED BY HIM!

Vs. 16 Again Jesus emphasizes that we are not of the world just as He is not of the world. We are actually in reality not part of and not born of the world! The SON of GOD is making a statement out into the atmosphere (just as in creation He was with God during the creative miracle of the creation of heaven and earth) causing LIFE to BE as HE speaks it out.

Vs 17 Now Jesus is asking and with authority for God the Father to Sanctify us, through HIMSELF as He is the WORD and THE TRUTH. Jesus is asking and stating into the atmosphere that through HIMSELF we are set apart, made separate unto Him and anointed and appointed for the set-aside purpose to bring many into the LIGHT of LIFE! Vs 18 Again Jesus equates us with Himself, saying that as the Father has sent Him into the world, now Jesus is sending US into the world. He is officially passing the “Olympic Baton” to us so that we now can run the race to victory!

Vs 19 Now Jesus SANTIFIES His Own Self (He obviously speaking to the Father God has the authority to do this. Proof that He is OF the SELF EXISTENT ONE! WOW! He then says that because He has sanctified HIMSELF, then now we also can be sanctified through HIMSELF!

Vs 20 This one verse of conversational prayer is PROOF that dispels all possible previous religious dogma and man-made doctrine that has said that the gifts and abilities of the Holy Spirit ended with the disciples. READ IT CLEARLY...Jesus was not praying for and speaking prophetically about just those in the range of his hearing or just about the 12 disciples, but for all those who would then hear and believe because of their testimony and witness for generations to come!

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Vs 21 Jesus states the reason for His whole communication, and that is so that all generations of believers can experience in reality being ONE with HE AND THE FATHER GOD!

Vs 22 Jesus says now in the past tense, that He HAS GIVEN US the GLORY (or the weightiness) that God gave to Him. Past tense...the prophetic speaking is now COME TO PASS with this statement. Again Jesus equates us with HIM and HIS FATHER as BEING ONE with US- and that WE are ONE with each other also!!!

Vs 23 Stating again the unity and the partnership, fellowship, focused purpose that being ONE with THEM and Each Other manifests ending it with, That the world would know that God has sent Him and that God LOVES US JUST AS HE LOVES JESUS! WOW! We have been likened to the FIRST FRUIT that which is perfect without blemish or spot, a worthy tithe to bring to the FATHER, the BEST of creation!

Vs 24 Jesus states that HIS WILL is that we would BE WITH JESUS WHERE HE IS, and we know that in several places in God's Holy Word, it declares that we have been made to sit in heavenly places, that we have been raised up with Him...etc. (Ephes. 2: 6).

Jesus also makes the statement again that God has LOVED HIM before the foundation of the world...and as it was stated in vs 23 God LOVES US just as HE LOVES JESUS!

Vs 25 Jesus states now that the world has not known Him but that He has known God and that we have recognized that God did indeed send Him to the world. This is paramount to Jesus, as in John 16: 25-28 where Jesus qualifies those who are truly born of Him as having recognized that God did send Him out from HIMSELF in the FLESH to the earth. Jesus states that we will have all that we ask for in Jesus' name and that the Father tenderly loves us because we have fully realized that He is come out from the Father.

Vs 26 Jesus closes saying that He is continuing to declare the Father's name to us as He always has, and that the Love that God loved Him with will be IN US as we are IN HIM.

Cross Referencing Scriptures:

[Ephesians 2:4-8, 13-14, 18-22](#) Read this one.... That we are all one body, and joined to Him through Him for His sake that we might be increasingly more filled with His Love so that we can be one as He desires.

[Colossians 3: 3](#) Your life is hid with Christ in God....

[John 15:1-4, 7, 11, 26](#) Abiding in the Vine, the Comforter

Jesus always is stating the facts, in a present tense fashion, and transitions' from past, to present throughout his utterance in this prayer. He makes it very clear that we are vitally united to Him, and connects us in the most intimate way with He and the Father. We are family, adopted huioi (the Greek word for child used for Jesus and for us), our Pater (the Hebrew word for Father or Daddy) has brought us into the Family of His one and only begotten Son, and we are united In THEM. We have been taken back by the Covenant of Christ's sacrifice and victory at Calvary to before time with Christ, and we are now seated with Him in heavenly places. We have been given all power and authority through HIM; we are set apart but protected from the world and the evil one through HIM.

John 17: 24-26 says, *Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given to Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O just and righteous Father, although the world has not known You and has failed to recognize You and has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these understand and know that You have sent Me. I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them and that I [Myself] may be in them.*

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