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Brought to Complete Unity

John 17:20-23

Jesus, just hours before He would go to the cross in your place, prayed for you, prayed for the very one that He was _____ Himself for!

For Jesus' Church, unity isn't something that we need to _____ on our own, but something that we're given that we, in turn, are called to _____ and steward

Ephesians 4:1-6

Although the unity envisaged in this chapter is not institutional, this purpose clause at the end of v. 21 shows beyond possibility of doubt that the unity is meant to be observable. It is not achieved by hunting enthusiastically for the lowest common theological denominator, but by common adherence to the apostolic gospel, by love that is joyfully self-sacrificing, by undaunted commitment to the shared goals of the mission with which Jesus' followers have been charged, by self-conscious dependence on God himself for life and fruitfulness. It is a unity necessarily present . . . it is a unity that must be brought to perfection.

D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John.*

Romans 15:5-6

From the Trinity Church Membership Covenant

I will seek to:

protect its unity:

- by supporting its leaders
- by bearing other's burdens
- by guarding my tongue

– **by supporting its leaders**

Hebrews 13:17-18

– **by bearing other's burdens**

Galatians 6:2

– **by guarding my tongue**

James 1:26

As the display of genuine love amongst the believers attests that they are Jesus' disciples (13:34-35), so this display of unity is so compelling, so un-worldly, that their witness as to who Jesus is becomes explainable only if Jesus truly is the revealer whom the Father has sent.

D.A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John.

John 17:24

John 17:5

Revelation 5:9-13

John 17:25-26

John 14:20-21