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**OUR UNITY IN THE GOSPEL HELPS THE WORLD KNOW GOD.**

Jesus' Prayer for His People

- That you be **protected** from being corrupted by evil rather than **isolated** from it – 17:15

***I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*** Why?

- Impossible to isolate yourself from evil.
- Isolation from evil runs contrary to our mission. Jesus sent us *into* the world to change the world.
- Parents: Embrace the tension between protecting your young children from harmful influences while using every opportunity to prepare them for the evil they will inevitably face.

- That you become more like Jesus the **longer** you know Him – 17:17

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

- That we would be unified by **love** in the **Truth** so that the world may believe – 17:20-21

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Ephesians 4:15 *"...speaking the truth in love..."*

- Unity is vital in order for the world to believe in the Gospel – 17:21b  
*so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*
- Jesus gives His glory to the church *so that they may be one.* – 17:22b
- Unity presupposes **security** – 17:23  
*I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me **and loved them even as you loved me.***
- Jesus' glory **precedes** the natural glory of the universe itself – 17:24  
*Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

Enemies of unity

- A 'what is best for me' mindset.
- Allowing minor things to cloud the major things.
- Apathy about sharing Christ with others.