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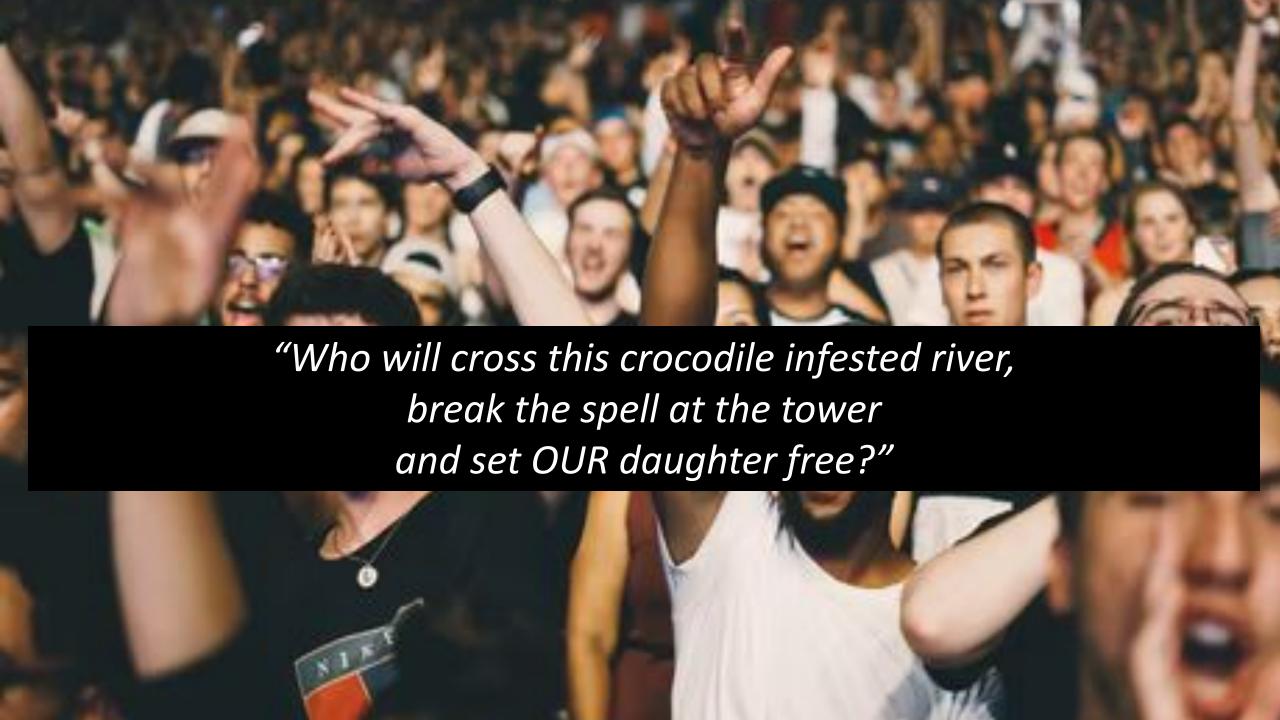
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1 Timothy 3:15 ... the House of God, which is the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.



PRESENTING the GLORIOUS CHURCH



- 1. Christ loved the Church (v25) OUTLINE
 - 2. He gave Himself up for her (v25) 3. That He might sanctify the Church (v26)

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- 4. To be the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle (v27)
 - 5. Conclusion

CHRIST WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-28





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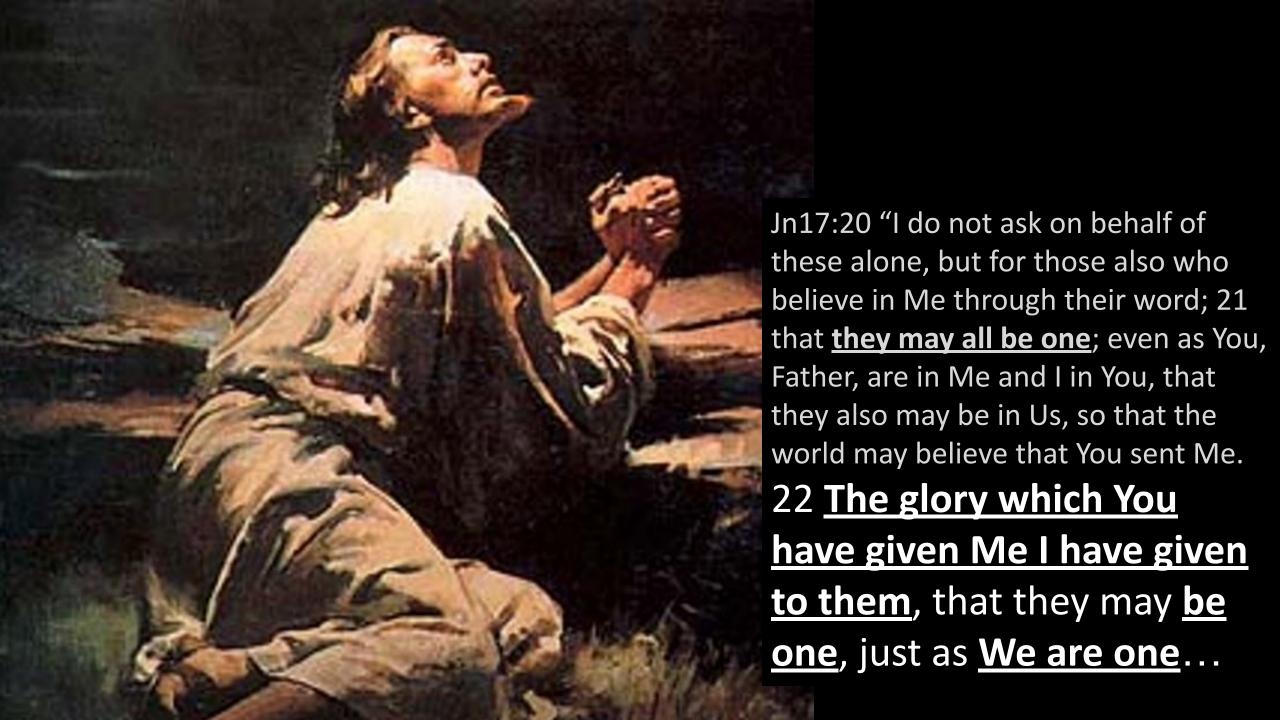


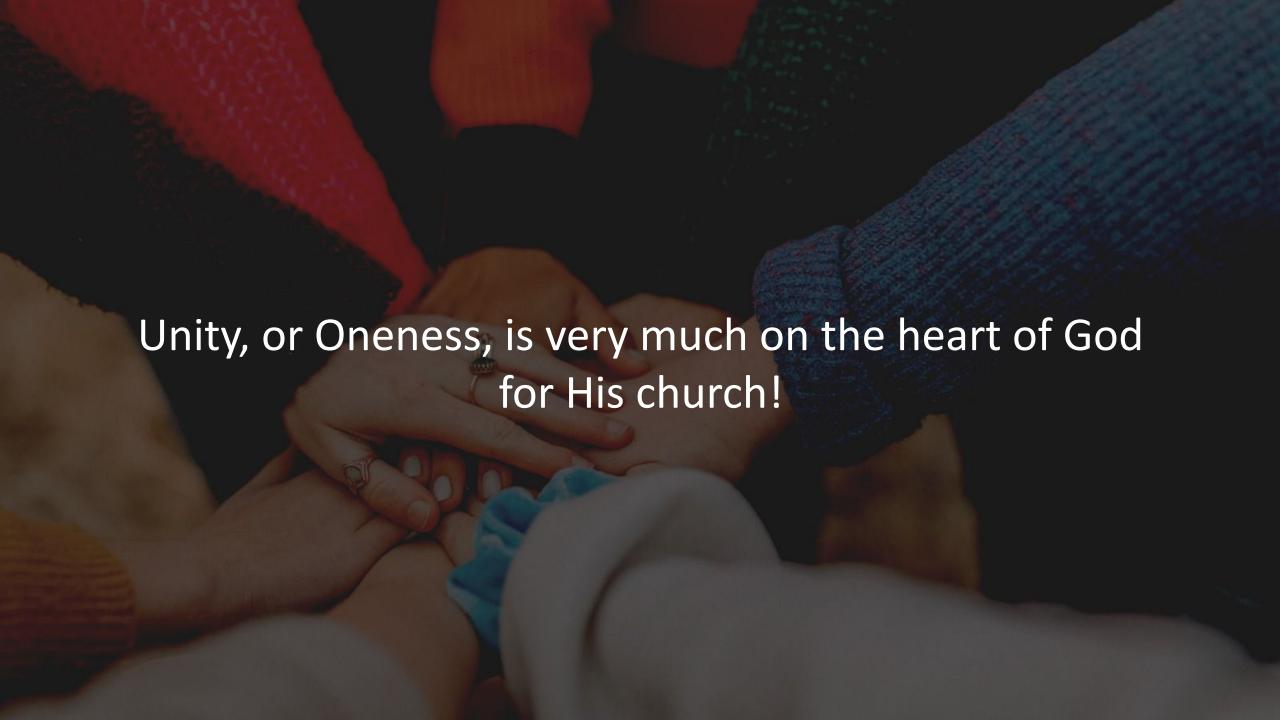
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Christians are not to make unity but to keep or guard what God made in creating the "one new man" (Eph. 2:15–16). They are to keep this unity "through the bond" which consists of "peace." Concern for peace will mean that Christians will lovingly tolerate each other, even when they have differences.

Hoehner, H. W. (1985). Ephesians. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures (Vol. 2, p. 633). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

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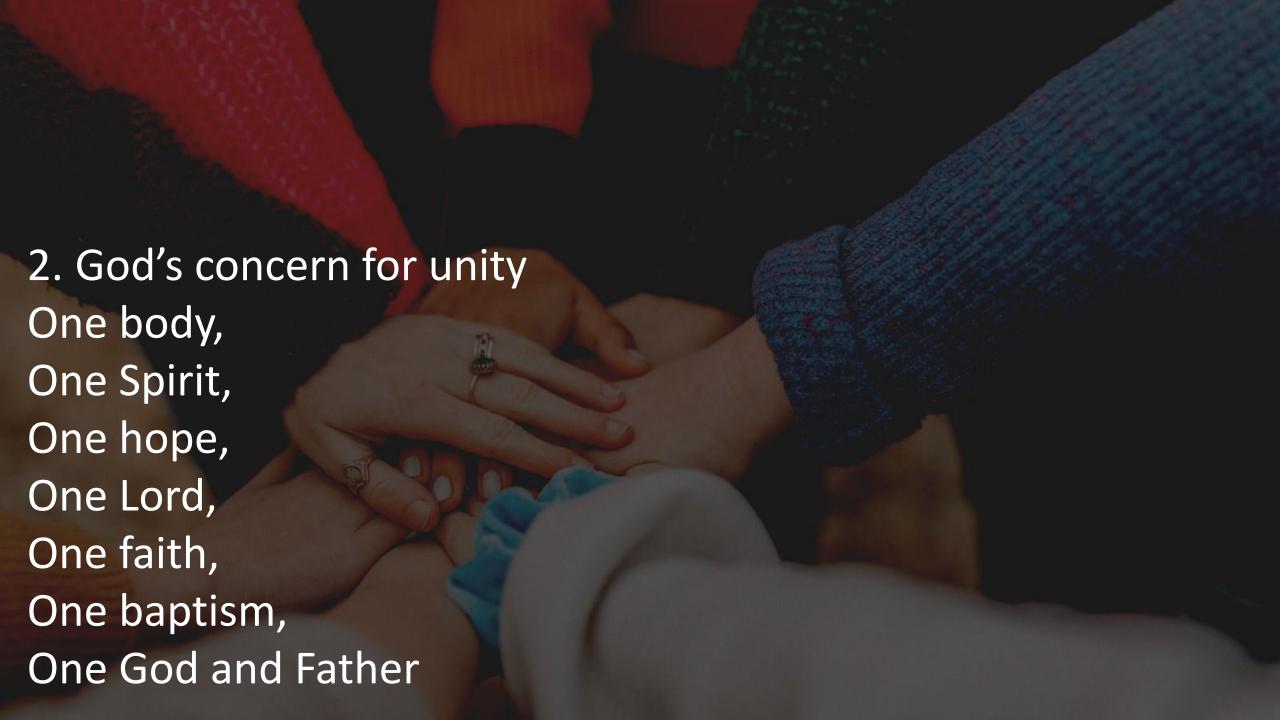






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Body of Christ.

People who embraced Jesus as their Lord & Savior.

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Holy Spirit

Eph 1:13 ..you were sealed in Him with the Holy

Spirit of promise ...

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1Cor15:19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus..

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Jesus Christ 1 Cor 8:6 ...and one Lord, Jesus Christ, <u>by whom</u> <u>are all things</u>, and we <u>exist through Him</u>.

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Faith in Jesus

Jude 3 appealing that you content

Jude 3 ..appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

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Which one?

John's baptism? Christian's baptism? Baptism of the

Holy Spirit?

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Baptism into the Body 1 Cor 12:13..we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

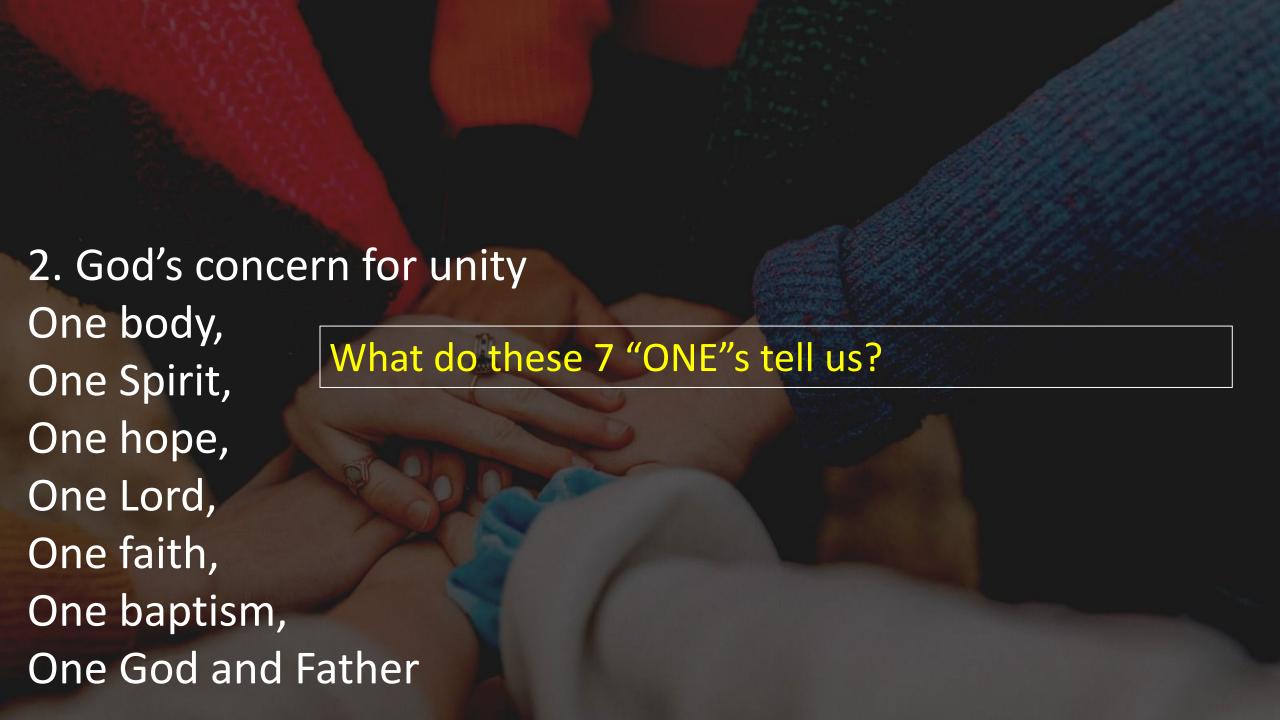
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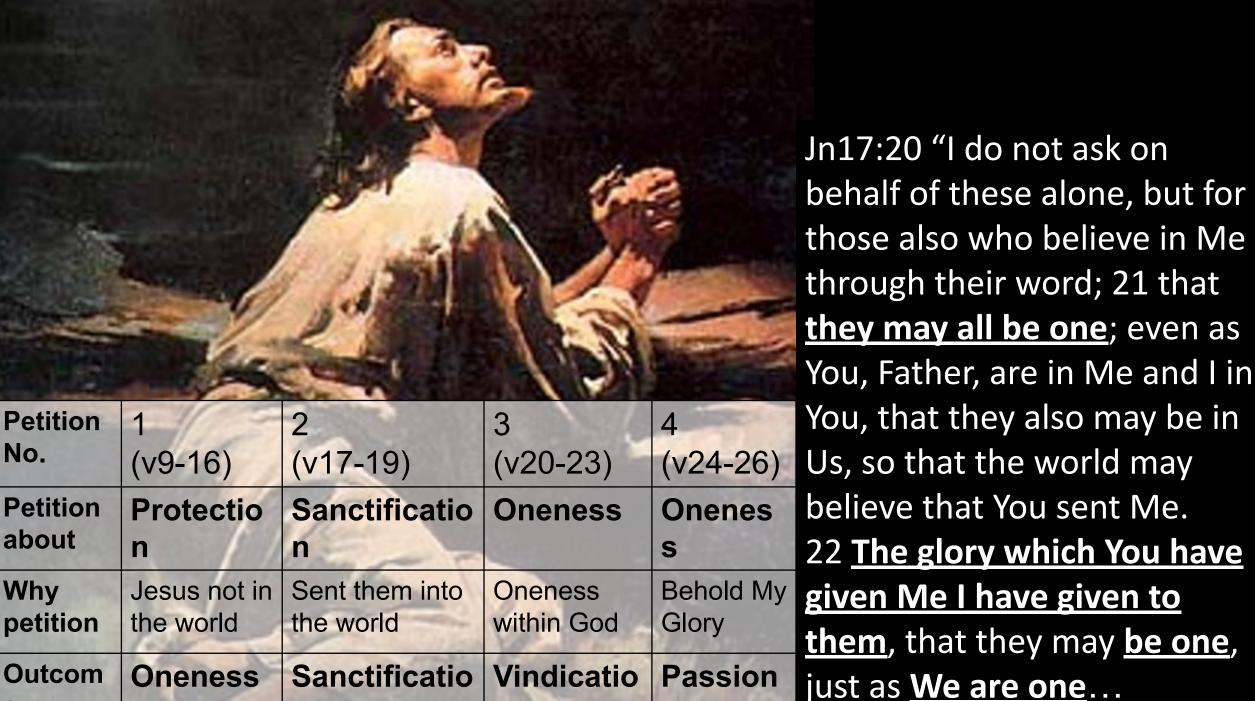
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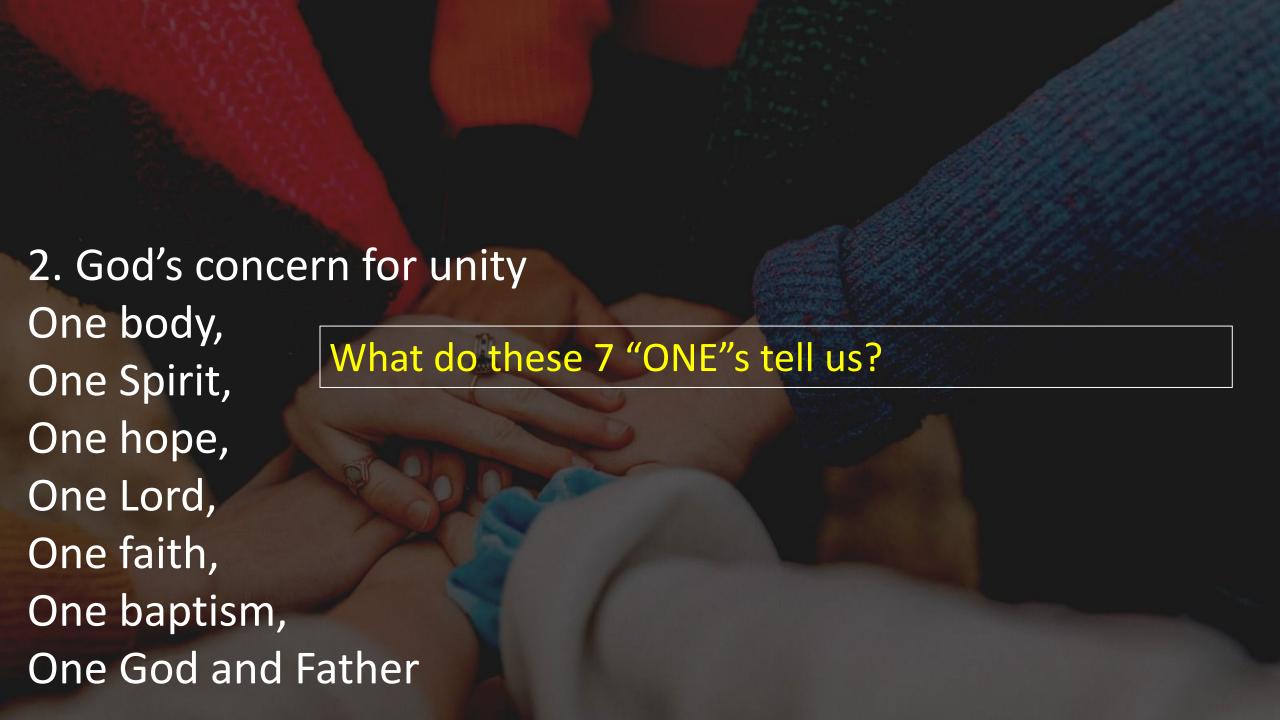
Isa43:10 .. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

Jn1:1212 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,

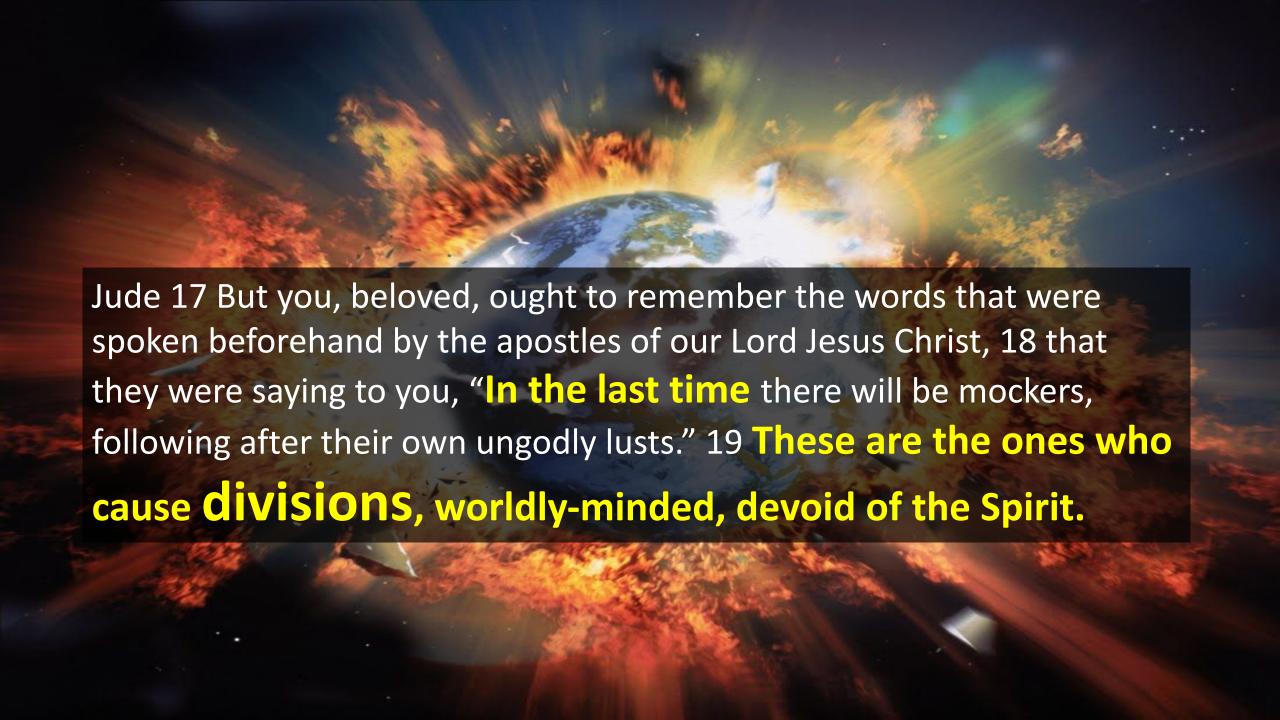
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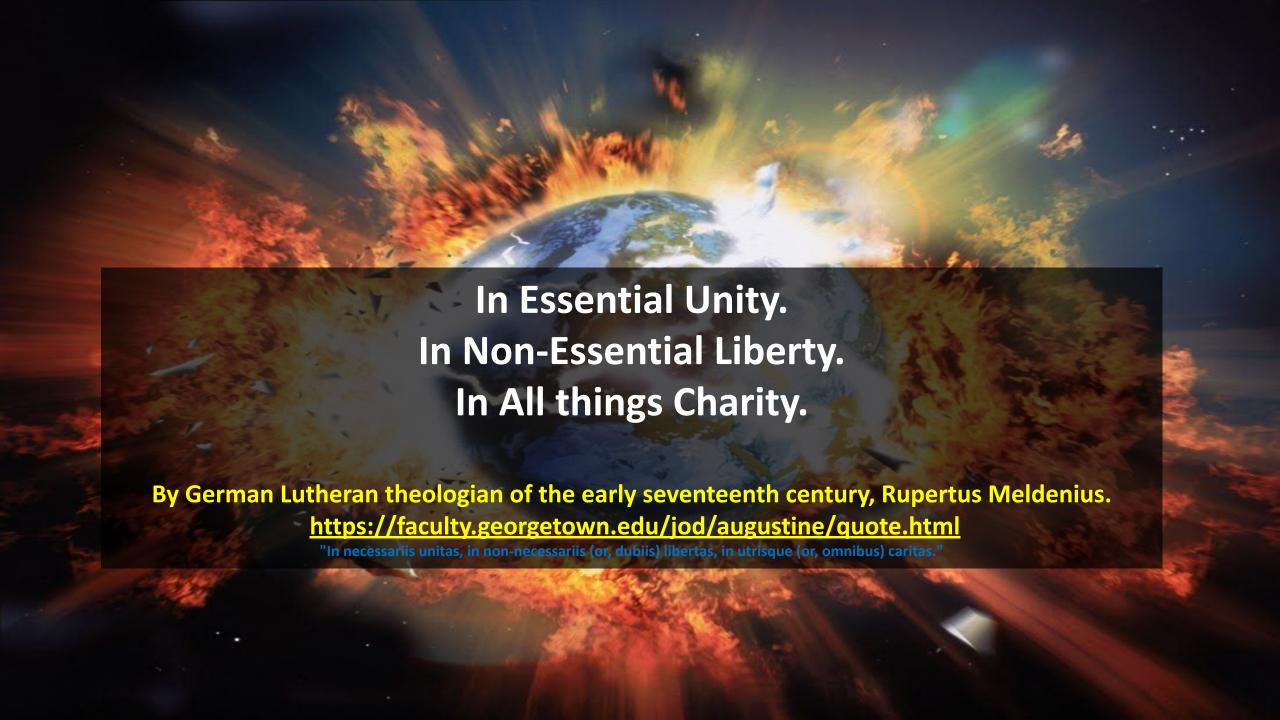


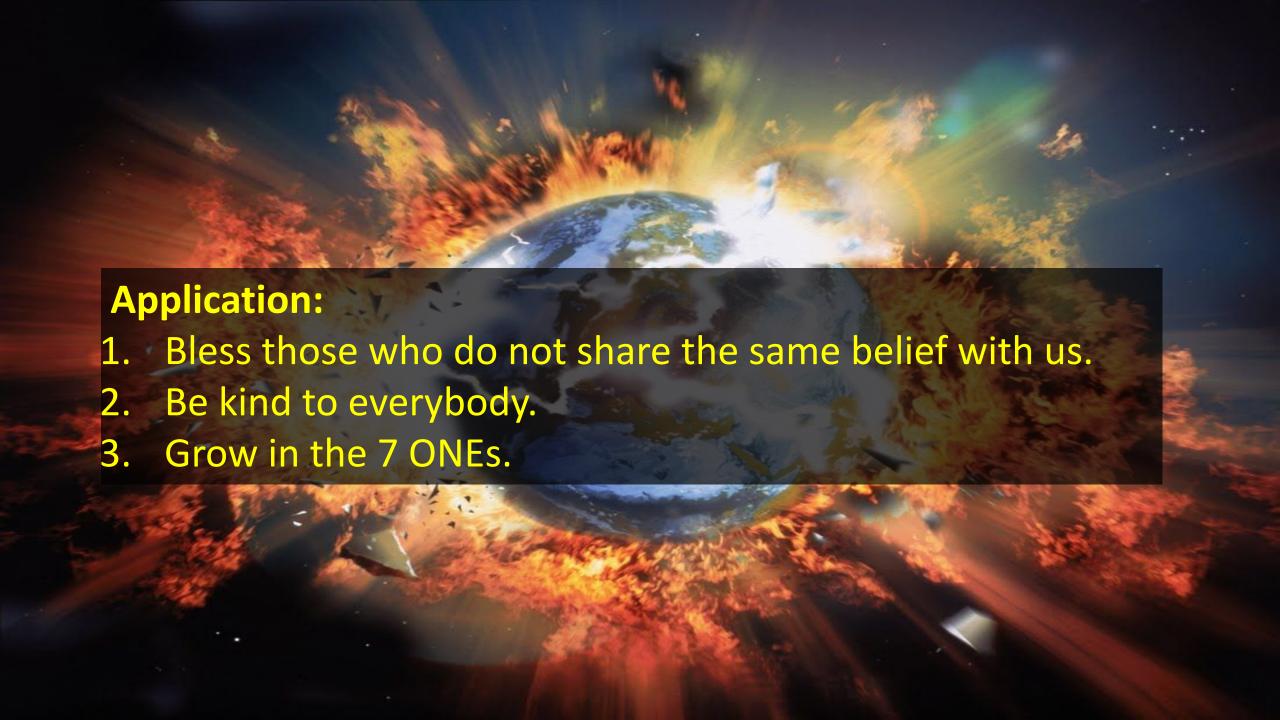


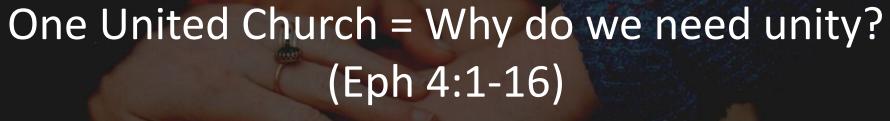












- 1. God's call our duty
- 2. God's concern our desire
- 3. God's completion our declaration

3. God wants to complete the unity
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He led captive a host of captives,
And He gave gifts to men."

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measure of Christ's gift. As a conqueror distributes in token of his "When He ascended on triumph the spoils of foes as gifts among his people. The impartation of the gifts and graces of the Spirit depended on Christ's ascension (Jn 7:39; 14:12).

> Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible (Vol. 2, p. 350). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

3. God wants to complete the unity Eph4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

3. God wants to complete the unity Eph4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 3. God wants to complete the unity Eph4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all

aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16

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Application:

1. Desire earnestly the spiritual gifts

1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

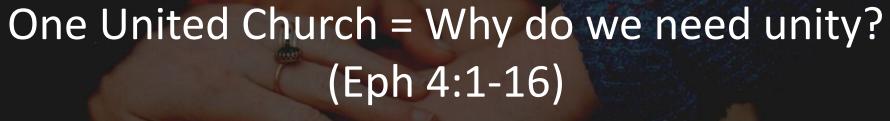
2. Discern every spirit

1 Jn4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

3. Submit to leadership

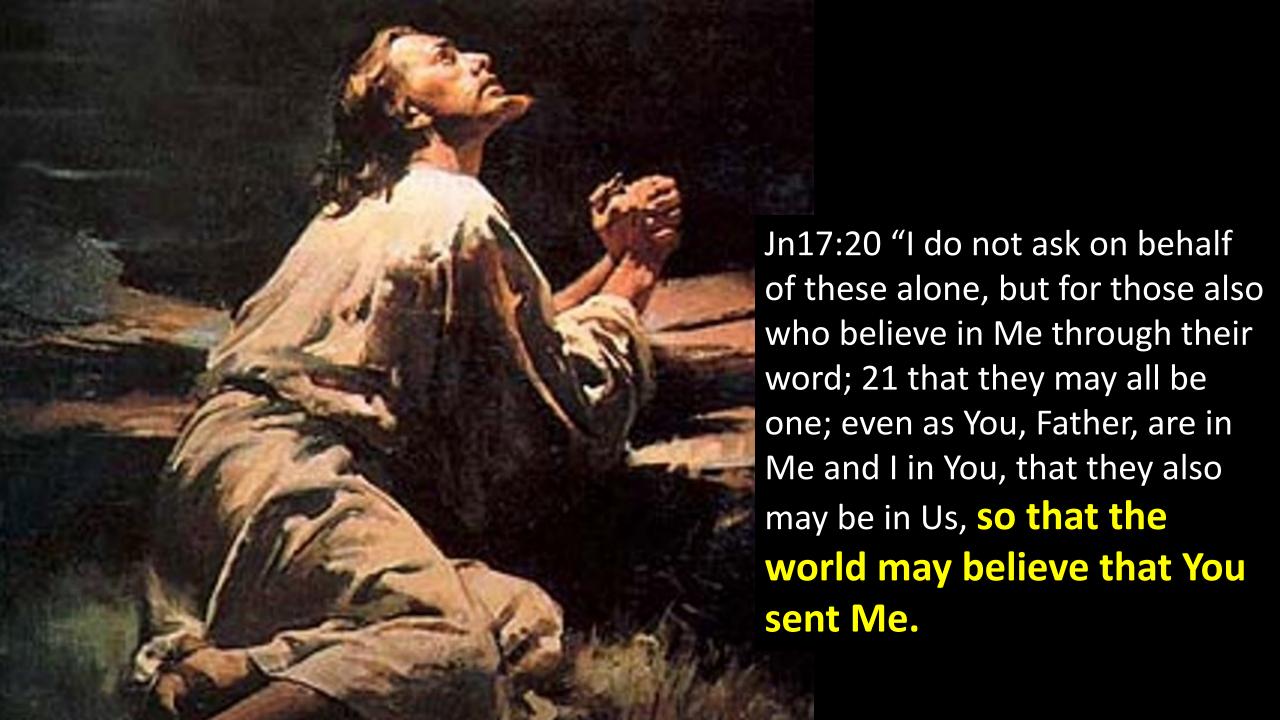
Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

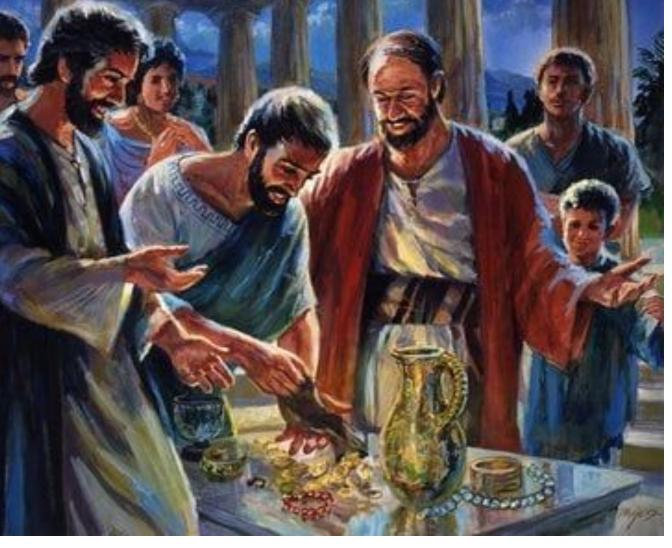
Jn13:35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



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Acts 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from

house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.







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Closing Song

Father, we ask of You this day

Come and heal our land

Knit our hearts together

That Your glory might be seen in us

Then the world will know

That Jesus Christ is Lord

Let us be one voice that glorifies Your name Let us be one voice declaring that You reign Let us be one voice in love and harmony And we pray, O God, grant us unity Now is the time for you and I
To join our hearts in praise
That the name of Jesus
Will be lifted high above the earth
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