



“That the World May Believe”

The Real Lord’s Prayer, Part 3

John 17:20-26

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What will we learn?

- ❖ Jesus prayed for us ...
 - ❖ For unity
 - ❖ That we would be with him
- ❖ In order that ...
 - ❖ The world would believe
 - ❖ The world would know God's love

New Testament survey:

- ❖ Four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- ❖ One history of the early church: Acts
- ❖ 21 letters / epistles: 13 by Paul; three by John; two by Peter; one each by Jude and James; Hebrews
- ❖ One apocalyptic prophecy: Revelation

Written by John:

- ❖ The Gospel of John
- ❖ 1 John
- ❖ 2 John
- ❖ 3 John
- ❖ Revelation

Gospels = biographies of Jesus

Synoptic:

- ❖ Matthew
- ❖ Mark
- ❖ Luke

Unique:

- ❖ John

Who is John?

- ❖ Brother of James
- ❖ Son of Zebedee
- ❖ “Son of Thunder”
- ❖ “the disciple Jesus loved”
- ❖ Author of five New Testament books
- ❖ The “Elder”

John 20:30-31

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Outline of John's gospel:

- ❖ Prologue (1:1-18)
- ❖ Book of signs (1:19 – 12:50)
- ❖ Book of glory (13 – 17)
- ❖ Passion / Resurrection (18 – 20)
- ❖ Epilogue (21)

Seven signs:

- ❖ Water to wine (2:1-11)
- ❖ Healing official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54)
- ❖ Healing man at Pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
- ❖ Feeding 5000 (6:5-14)
- ❖ Walking on water (6:16-21)
- ❖ Healing blind man in Jerusalem (9:1-5)
- ❖ Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-45)

John 17 = High Priestly Prayer

- ❖ Jesus prayed for himself.
- ❖ Jesus prayed for his original disciples.
- ❖ Jesus prayed for future believers.

Hebrews 7:23-25

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:26

Such a high priest truly meets our need — one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 7:27

Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

John 17:20-21

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

John 10:14-15

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:16

“I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

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John 17:22-23

“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete unity.

John 17:23

**“Then the world will know that you sent me
and have loved them even as you
have loved me.**

John 17:24

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 17:25-26

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

“I AM ...”

- ❖ **“the bread of life” (6:35)**
- ❖ **“the light of the world (8:12)**
- ❖ **“the gate for the sheep” (10:7)**
- ❖ **“the good shepherd” (10:11, 14)**
- ❖ **“the resurrection and the life” (11:25)**
- ❖ **“the way, and the truth, and the life” (14:6)**
- ❖ **“the true vine” (15:1)**



Two Petitions:

- ❖ “I pray ...” (17:20)
- ❖ “I want ...” (17:24)

Lots of reasons:

- ❖ “that all of them may be one” (17:21)
- ❖ “so that the world may believe” (17:21)
- ❖ “that they may be one” (17:22)
- ❖ “so that they may be brought to complete unity” (17:23)
- ❖ “Then the world will know ... ” (17:23)
- ❖ “in order that the love you have ... (17:26)

John's original readers:

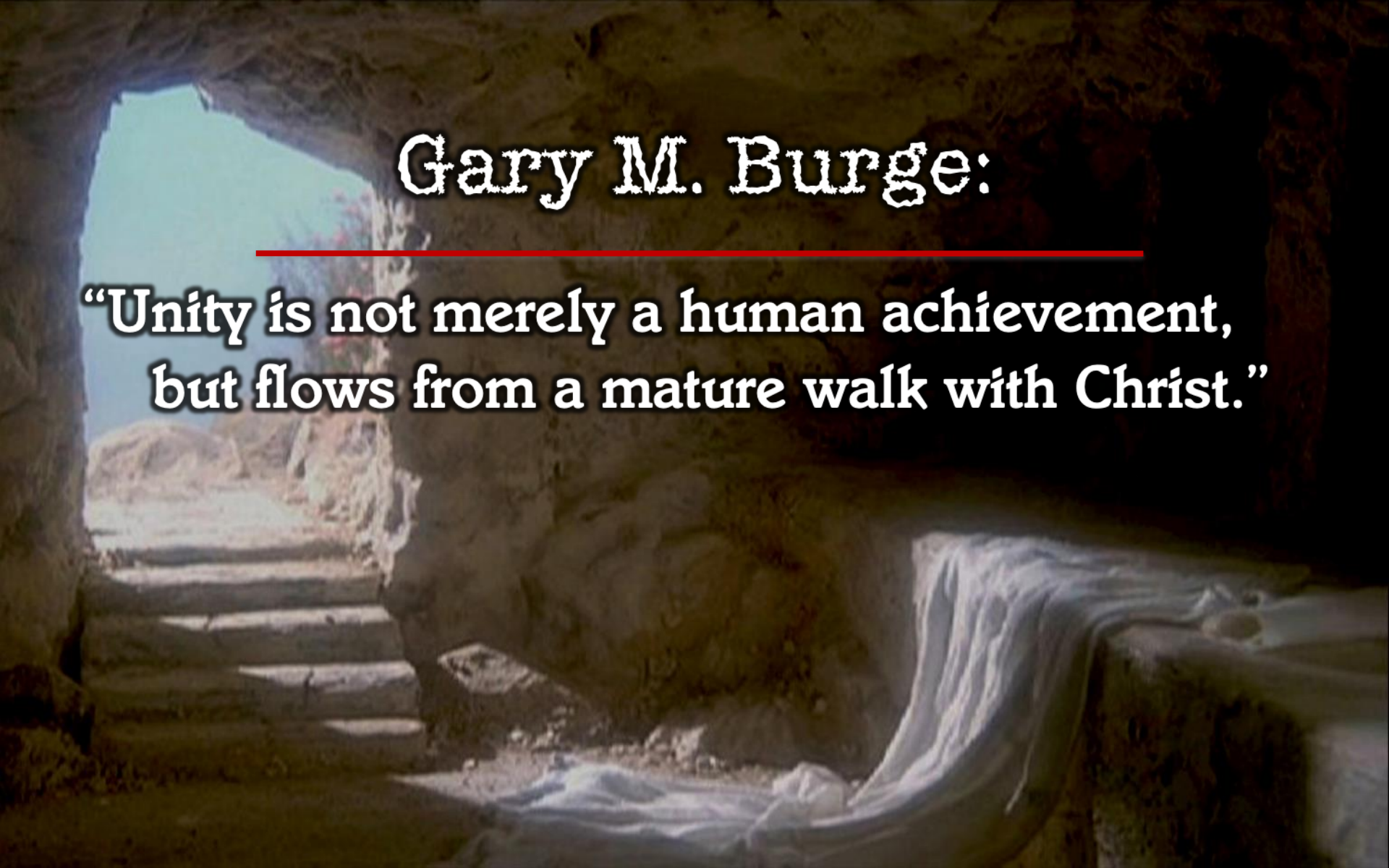
- ❖ Opposition from Jewish leaders
- ❖ Opposition from false teachers
 - ❖ Judaizers
 - ❖ Gnostics
- ❖ Opposition from Rome

Unity is not:

- ❖ Unanimity
- ❖ Uniformity
- ❖ Union

Unity is:

- ❖ **Love**
 - ❖ **For God**
 - ❖ **For others**
- ❖ **Obedience to God's word**
- ❖ **Commitment to God's will**



Gary M. Burge:

**“Unity is not merely a human achievement,
but flows from a mature walk with Christ.”**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

What have we learned?

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper





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