

"THE LORD'S PETITION FOR OUR SPIRITUAL UNITY"

(PART II)

JOHN 17:22-23

I. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LORD'S PETITION FOR UNITY IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HIMSELF PROVIDED FOR THESE PEOPLE (17:22)

A. The Apostle's Initial Interpretation Of The Petition Was Probably That The Petty Tensions That Existed Between Them Due To Personal And Selfish Ambition Would Cease

B. The Lord Has Bestowed *Glory* That Makes This Unity Possible

1. Facts About The Glory

- a. It Is The Glory Which the Father First Gave To Christ**
- b. It Is The Glory Which Christ Transferred To Us**

2. Identification Of The Glory

- a. It Is Not What Belonged To Christ By Virtue Of His Own Nature (cf. 17:5)**
- b. It Was Glory Indwelling A Human Body (cf. 1:14)**
- c. It Is Christ Indwelling The Believer**

II. IT IS THE SUPERNATURAL DOCTRINE OF THE MUTUALLY INDWELLING TRINITY IN THE LIFE OF BELIEVERS THAT ALLOWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL ONENESS (17:23)

A. This Is Far More Than People Gathering Together Under The Pretense Of A Common Religious Belief

B. This Is What Allows For The Contribution Of Every Member Contributing Toward The Unity Within A Body

C. This Is What Contributes To Evangelism