

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an important series of studies on Oneness in Christ. Our topic today: “That They All May Be One”.

1. The Prayer of Jesus in John 17

- a) Jesus prays for Himself
 - i) John 17:1-5
 - ii) What impacts you the most about this first portion of the prayer of Jesus?
 - iii) Why do you think Jesus begins this prayer by praying for Himself?
 - iv) What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?
 - v) What experiences have helped you to deepen your relationship with God?
- b) Jesus prays for His disciples
 - i) John 17:9-19
 - ii) What impresses you the most about the requests Jesus makes for His disciples?
 - iii) What will our lives look like if we are “not of this world”?
- c) Jesus prays for all believers
 - i) John 17:20-26
 - ii) What important requests does Jesus make for those who will believe in Him through the Holy Spirit-inspired testimony of the apostles?
 - iii) How did Jesus describe the unity He experienced with God the Father? John 5:19-23, John 14:8-11

- iv) What key for unity is found in John 17:21?
- v) Why is the prayer of Jesus for unity with Him and with each other so needed today?
- vi) Share a time when you witnessed a remarkable manifestation of oneness in Christ.

2. More teaching of Jesus about unity

- a) Mark 9:38-41
- b) John 10:16
- c) How can we experience oneness with other Christians even if we hold different interpretations of the Bible?
- d) Share a time when you experienced oneness in Christ with brothers and sisters from other Christian churches.

3. Unity with Christ and unity in Christ

- a) John 17:3
- b) John 14:15, 21
- c) 1 John 2:3-6
- d) How is it possible “to walk just as He walked”?
- e) How does love for one another (John 13:34-35) demonstrate unity with Christ?
- f) What promise in the Bible assures us that His love will be poured into our hearts? Romans 5:5
- g) Where have you seen the agape love of God revealed?

