

God Loves You So Much He Wants To Be With You Now And Forever (John 17:20-26)

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(20) "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, (21) 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.

(22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, (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.

(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.

(25) O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

(26) I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." [John 17:20-26 ESV]

(1) Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. (2) And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there...

(4) Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ...

(7) Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. (9) Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth... [Genesis 11:1-9 ESV]

Practical Application

1. God loves you so much He wants to be with you now and forever. Do you love Him? Do you want to be with God?
2. Jesus loves you, has prayed for you, and is praying for you now. How will you respond to His love today?
3. God came to earth to show you how much He loves you. Have you received His love?
4. God wants you to trust Him. Do you trust Him today? Ask Him to increase your faith.
5. God wants to use you to lead others to Him. How are you leading others to Him? Are you praying for the lost?
6. God wants you to be united with Him and His people now and forever. Are you a part of His family?
7. Do you pray for others to know God and to grow in godliness? Is this one of your greatest passions?
8. God wants His people to be one as He is one. God delights in unity amidst diversity. Do you prioritize unity?
9. Healthy unity amidst diversity starts in God, flows from God, and is for God.
10. Unhealthy unity amidst diversity starts with man, flows from man, is for man, and is idolatry.
11. Healthy unity amidst diversity in the church helps people to see and believe that Jesus is the glorious Son of God.
12. God is one and three. He is one in essence, nature, and being, but three in persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
13. Jesus has given us the glory the Father has given Him. In Jesus, the glory we were created to display as God's image bearers is being restored. We now live out this glory on earth, and realize it fully when we receive glorified bodies.
14. The true power of the Christian life is Christ living in us, working on us, through us, for us, and for God's glory.
15. God wants us to grow in unity, oneness, and mature witness. How are we growing in these ways today?
16. If you are united with Christ by faith you are loved by God like He loves His Son.
17. You are a gift from God the Father to God the Son. Do you recognize how valuable you are to God?
18. Jesus wants to be with you and for you to want to be with Him. What is your greatest desire?

19. Jesus wants you to see His glory, and experience the joy, pleasure, and delight that comes from Him.
20. God the Father loved the Son before the foundation of the world, and He loved you before you were born. Before the foundation of the world He set His affections on you. His love is not based on your performance but His choice.
21. Christianity is about knowing God as Father, and being known by Him.
22. Your heavenly Father always does what is right. Do you want to do what is right? Are you growing in doing right?
23. God loves revealing Himself to His people. He wants to be known, and wants you to know Him.
24. God is revealing more of Himself to you today. How will you respond to that revelation?
25. The Father's love is in us because Christ is in us. You do not have to question God's love for you, Christian.

Announcements

1. Kids Soccer Camp this week (June 12-14 from 6-8pm)! Kids Art Camp (July 17-20 from 6-8pm). Taco'bout Prayer Family event (teaching, dinner, fellowship, and a movie) (June 21st at 6). For more information see Tiffany Vick.
2. Men's Ministry: Meet on Sunday, June 25. We will have lunch right after church and then meet at Shiloh Sporting Clays on Highway 42 for a CLAY SHOOT. The cost is \$39 for the shooting. The round will last about 2 hours. If you don't have a shotgun, no worries. There are men with extra's, or you can rent one for the day. You will also need 100 rounds of ammo. Children capable of shooting are invited. To register contact Brad Vick: 205-396-0153
3. Fall Pumpkin Patch: Today we will "plant the seeds." HMC Kids will be planting during the worship hour. HMC youth and adults are invited to plant after service. Come out and join us!
4. Hope Mountain is working to collect school supplies for the kids of the South Dakota Reservation. Each week we are asking everyone to bring a different item to fill their backpacks. We are working hard to equip these kids with everything they need to have a great school year. This week, June 4th, please bring a 10 count of Crayola markers. Please use this as an opportunity to show your children how God loves the cheerful giver. Let them help shop if you can. We will have a box in the lobby for you to place the items.
5. Mrs. Diane Davis is now our Prayer Coordinator. Please welcome Mrs. Diane into this new role!
6. If you are looking for a small group to provide accountability & knowledge on your health & wellness journey, visit the Wellness Warriors Support Group from 5:45 to 6:45pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at Hope Mountain Church & the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in Alabaster at UMC Restore. There is no cost and everyone is welcome. There is an optional, private weigh-in before the meeting. While many people are focused on weight loss, they focus on overall wellness: nutrition, exercise, healthy habits, and mindset. Visit their Facebook page "Wellness Warriors Support Group" to learn details, or text Telura Sapp 251-209-0322 or Anna Wade 205-592-8312.
7. Lost & Found: Missing an item? Found an item? Check the Lost and Found bin located in the church office.