

## JOHN 17 INTER-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY



## THE VISION

Because unity is universally recognized to be a physical, social, emotional and psychological asset, and even more so when contrasted with its polar opposites, schisms, divisiveness and division, it is all the more instructive that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ focused on two requests of His Disciples, just before He went to the cross. The first was that they should experience and live in unity that mirrors the relationship He enjoyed with His Father. The second is inextricably aligned to the first, and could not exist without it.. They were to love one another with His signature "agape" love. With the twin identification badges in place, "by this shall all men know that you are my Disciples", because that is who I am.

It is against this background that it is appropriately authentic to add the spiritual component to the popularly recognized assets of unity, and consequently to make its pursuit and attainment, the primary objective of the *John 17 Inter Denominational Bible Study*.

The light and value of the Vision shines bright in the context of an Ekklesia, that although called out by Jesus, is characterized by a proliferation of schisms, divisions and yes, Denominations. And if the asset value of Unity in the affirmative is strength, power, effectiveness and influence, then the global Ekklesia in non-persecuted countries, daily demonstrates the detrimental liability of the Ekklesia's minimalist Unity through its relative weakness, ineffectiveness and lack of influence in the market place in which it competes for the souls of lost humanity.

Especially because the Biblical mandate for unity in the Body of Jesus Christ is neither compromised nor minimalized by attempts to abort its mission, even the smallest minority of Believers in Jesus Christ who dedicate ourselves to encouraging, promoting and facilitating the consummation of Jesus' expressed desire for Unity as expressed in John 17 and elsewhere, will have the backing of the resources of heaven in that undertaking.

Succinctly, the *John 17 Inter-Denominational Bible Study* aims to be a magnet for Believers across Christian Denominational divides for who no price is too high to pay, and no sacrifice is too great to make, pursuant to our commitment to fulfill our Master's prayer for Unity, regardless of the onslaught of opposition that the Devil is obligated to unleash, as he anticipates the systematic weakening of his Kingdom in direct proportion to the incremental empowerment of the Ekklesia, characterized by unity among Believers in Jesus Christ.

