

Portland Area Bible Students

2024 - Memorial Study

R3551 "I Pray For Them" - (also Memorial Meditations page 335)

Below, in blue, are selected quotes from the article. Please expand on these. What do they mean? What do they involve? What do they engender? How do they apply to us? How do they draw our hearts closer to our Lord? Please share supporting scriptures and other quotes that are meaningful to you.

OVERALL THEME: How does this article enhance the understanding of **1 Corinthians 10:16**?

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion {koinonia} of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion {koinonia} of the body of Christ?"

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### **GLORY SHARED WITH CHURCH**

The Lord Jesus ... declares here {John 17:19} that he set himself apart, he separated himself from that feature of the glory and dignity of the Father's reward that his followers might have a share in it, that they might become his joint-heirs, being set apart and brought to this honor through the Truth, through the great and precious promises bestowed upon them.

Thus {John 17:22,23} it was that our dear Redeemer, instead of feeling jealous that any others should be exalted to the divine nature, participators in the Kingdom, in this prayer to the Father declares his full acquiescence in the plan, his hearty cooperation, his joy to have it so.

### **"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE" {John 17:21}**

Our Lord's prayer, "*That they all may be one,*" {John 17:21} has been fulfilled throughout the age. All who have been truly his have had a oneness of heart, a oneness of purpose, a oneness of spirit, with the Father and with the Son—a fellowship divine which cannot be produced by earthly creeds and fetters.

### **WITH CHRIST, SHARING HIS GLORY**

Father, I understand that this is thy will in respect to these my followers, and I will it also, acquiescing in this great and liberal arrangement which thou hast made. I will be glad to have my followers ultimately on the same plane of glory with me, and that they may there be blessed by seeing and sharing the glories thou hast conferred upon me. {John 17:24}

And I have made known unto them thy name, thy character, thy greatness, thy goodness, thy love, thy benefactions, and will make known still further as they are able to bear it, as they grow in knowledge of the Truth, that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them and I in them. {John 17:26}