

God's Option for Relationships

John 17

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Eph. 5:31-32; John 14:10-11, 26; 15:26; 14:19-20; 15:5; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27

What is God's option for relationships?

1) God's Trinity is the perfect model for oneness John 17:20-21

- John 17:9,15, 20-21

2) God's design is that we grow into oneness John 17:21

3) God's glorious presence can make any relationship one John 17:22-23

- Eph. 2:11-16

4) Anticipate God's glorious presence living by His love John 17:24-26

- Eph. 1:9-10; 3:6; 2:19-22; 4:3-5

God meant every Christian to be in church community for growth to oneness in Him!

- The Lord and His purpose is the issue Luke 9:23
- Trust Jesus to grow in oneness with others Rev. 2-3
- There must be unity in the local body Eph. 4:3-5
- God blesses when there is unity Ps. 133:1-3; 1 Pet. 3:8-9

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1) Do you think religion should be a private matter? Why or why not?

Digging deeper:

- 2) Describe the relationship in the Godhead in eternity past by information that we studied in John 17.
- 3) How would you explain the difference between the attributes or essence of God and the roles of the members of the Trinity to a seventh grader?
- 4) How do you see the Trinity in Genesis? (Look at passages like Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27; 6; 11:1-7; 18)
- 5) What do you learn about the Trinity in Isaiah? (Look at passages like Isaiah 42:1-7; 61:1-3; 63:7-14) Did the Old Testament teach that a Trinity existed?
- 6) Consider the information below. What insights do you gain from these principles?
 - a) Father – authored the plan Ps. 148:1-6
 - i) The Father is the architect of the plan 1 Cor. 8:6
 - ii) The Father sent the Son to execute the plan 1 John 4:9-10
 - iii) The Father had your soul in mind in the plan Rom. 8:28-29
 - b) Son – executed the plan Heb. 10:5-9
 - i) The Father was always with the Son John 8:29
 - ii) In his humanity, He did nothing apart from the Father's will John 5:19,30
 - iii) The Son finished His work John 17:1-4; John 19:30
 - c) Spirit – reveals and sustains the plan
 - i) The Spirit sustained the humanity of Christ Luke 4:1,14,18; 5:17; 6:19; 8:46; Acts 10:38; Heb. 9:14
 - ii) The Spirit regenerates the deadness of the unbeliever Titus 3:5
 - iii) The Spirit carried the authors of Scripture 2 Pet. 1:20-21

Implementing this message into your life:

- 7) How would you implement the roles of the Trinity in your family?
- 8) If you are single, how do principles of the Trinity affect your relationships?