

THE CONVERSATION AT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE ⁴

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 8

BIG IDEA: What kind of relationship does God want with you?

⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours ¹⁰ and all mine are yours, and all yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

You **BELONG**.

"I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

John 17:26 NLT

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

^{11b} Holy Father, **keep them** in your **name**, the name you gave me, so that they **may be one** just as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I **kept them** in that name you gave me, and guarded them. None has been lost except the son of destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"NAME" ...*"Father, I've kept them in the family, in the family name and business, in our authority and purpose."*

*"Father, **KEEP** them. I've **KEPT** them."*

"Keep" is **ownership**.

"they have *kept* your word." John 17:6

"Keep" means holding something as **valuable**.

"If you love me, you will *keep* my commands."

John 14:15

"keep the Sabbath." John 9:16 (Ex. 20:8)

"Keep" conveys **direction**.

Let them experience the **ONENESS** we share.

What Jesus and his Father share now takes shape in us!

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need." Acts 4:32-35

- One is a **heart** idea.
- One is also a **mindset**.
- One is a deep **sharing of life** together.

¹³ **"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."**

He prays that his **JOY** would find full and continuous expression in us!