

LOVE-ONE EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life part 51

BIG IDEA: The long-game Jesus prays for is for heaven's life to take root in each one who believes in him. (i.e. Oneness, a glorious eternity, an on-going experience of his love, revealing him to those far from him.)

Something is going on up there—glory, light, oneness, sharing of life, truth—that has come down here in Jesus, and is being shared with us. (John 1:1-5; 9-14; 16-18)

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be perfectly one, so that the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1. Jesus prays for and invites us into ONENESS—a sharing of life so connected, joyous and beautiful that only “one” can describe it—Oneness with God and oneness with other.

“I and the Father are one.” **John 10:30, 38**

“I am in the Father and the Father is in me” **John 14:11**

“you may become sharers of the divine nature” **2 Peter 1:3-4 LEB**

“our fellowship is with the Father & with his Son, Jesus Christ.” **1 John 1:3**

2. Our Oneness REVEALS JESUS AND HIS LOVE to our world.

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” **John 13:35** (Matt. 5:13-16)

²⁴ “Father, I want (desire) those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

3. Jesus wants people in ETERNITY with him.

“He wants everyone to be saved. He wants them to come to know the truth.” **1 Tim. 2:4 Nlrv** (2 Peter 3:9)

“My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” **John 6:40**

²⁵ “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” **17:20-26**

“This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” **John 17:3**

4. Jesus wants you to know the same FATHER'S LOVE he knows.

“What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are.” **1 John 3:1 MESSAGE**