

The Prayer of Jesus



John 17

John 17:

20 ¶ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

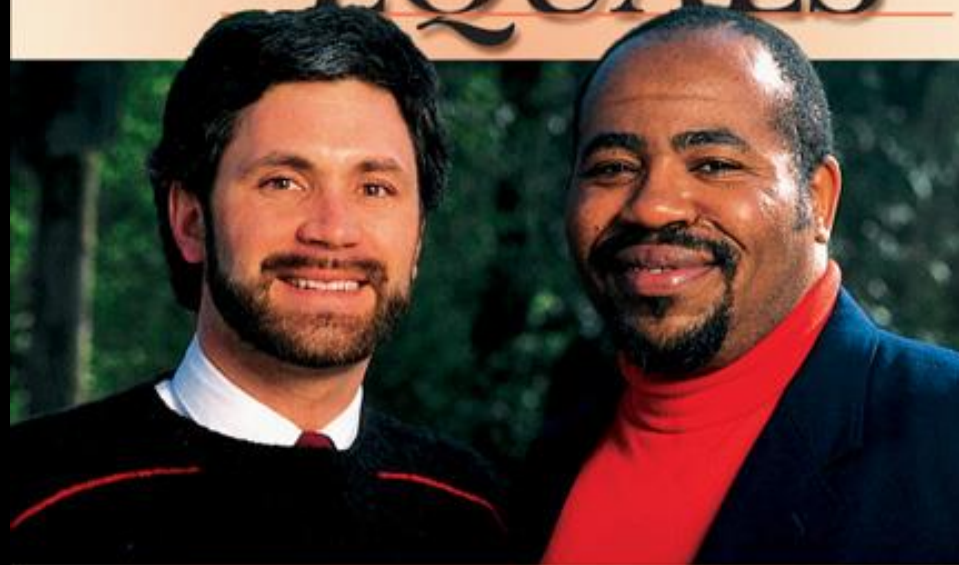
24 ¶ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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**SPENCER PERKINS
& CHRIS RICE**

“ The most important truth in the world is not our trying harder to love God or others, but God's acts of love for us. If you don't get God's love into your bones, you will become very dangerous people,..... The most important person in any community is Jesus. Your life has to keep Jesus at the center.”

John Alexander

1) Jesus prays the **purpose** of our unity.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so **that the world may believe that you have sent me.**”

Vs 20,21

I wonder if anything is more urgent today, for the honour of Christ and for the spread of the gospel, than that the church should be seen to be, what by God's purpose and Christ's achievement it already is - a single new humanity, a model of human community, a family of reconciled brothers and sisters who love their Father and love each other, the evident dwelling place of God by his Spirit. Only then will the world believe in Christ as Peacemaker. Only then will God receive the glory due to his name.

John Stott, The Message of Ephesians

No other force exists besides the church that can bring people together week after week and deal with their deepest hurts and suspicions. Of all people, Christians should be the most active in reaching out to those of other races, instead of accepting the status quo of division and animosity.

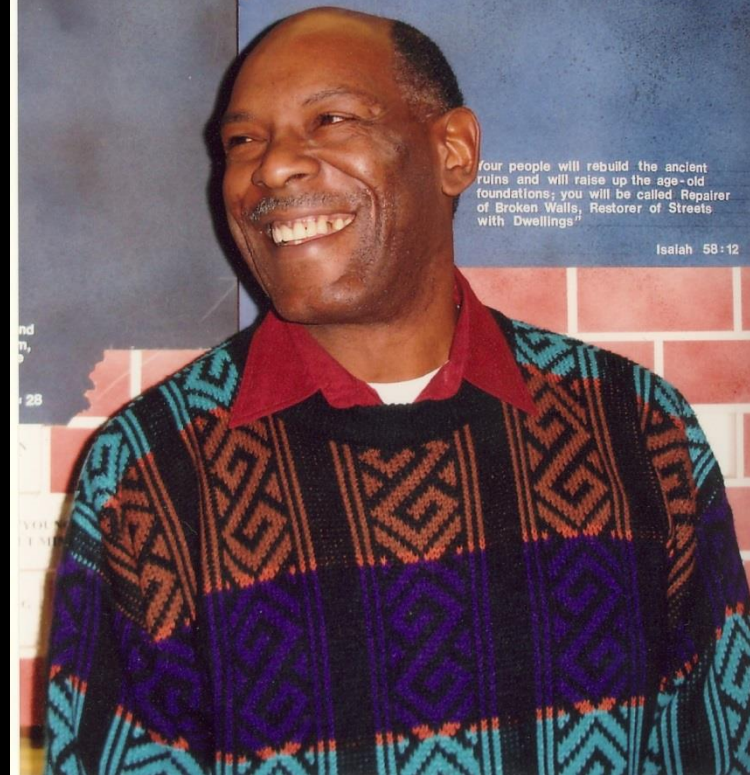
Billy Graham

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Four people will rebuild the ancient
ruins and will raise up the age-old
foundations; you will be called Repairer
of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets
with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12





Pen Lucy Community Chill

2) Jesus prays the **personality** of our unity.

“that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us,.. I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one.. 21, 23

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those
who will believe in me through their word,...

vs20

“It is not achieved by hunting enthusiastically for the lowest common theological denominator, but by common adherence to the apostolic gospel, by love that is joyfully self-sacrificing, by undaunted commitment to the shared goals of the mission with which Jesus followers have been charged, by self-conscious dependence on God himself for life and fruitfulness.”

D A Carson

"Each person in the Trinity loves, honors and glorifies the other and receives love and honor back from the others because He is worthy. "

John Samaan

3) Finally Jesus prays the power for our unity. Glory- Love of the Father

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,....

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

vs 22,26

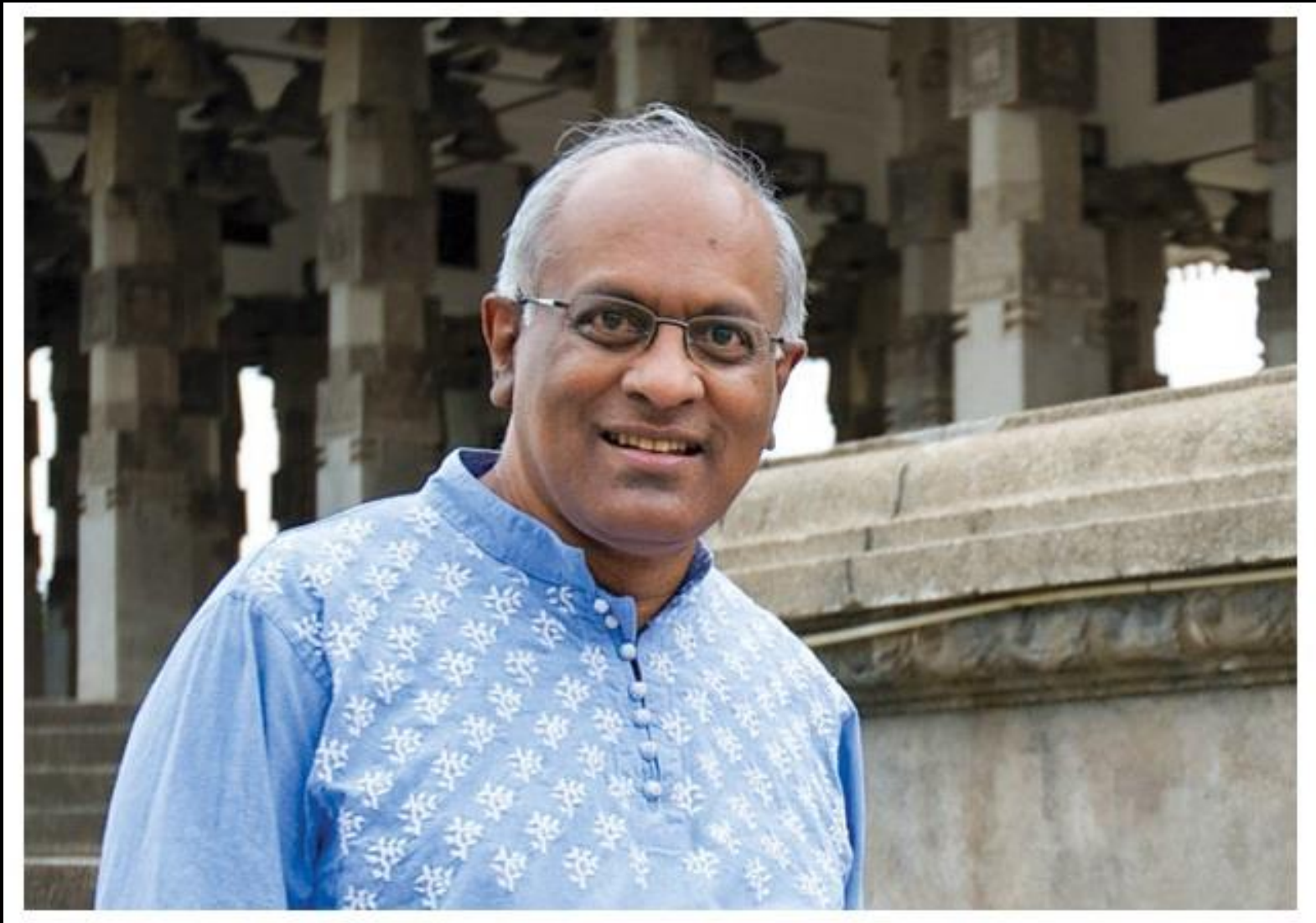
“That you have loved them even as you have loved me.”

The thought is breathtakingly extravagant.. that Christians themselves have been caught up into the love of the Father for the Son, secure and content and fulfilled because loved by the Almighty himself with the very same love he reserves for his Son. It is hard to imagine a more compelling evangelistic appeal.”

D A Carson

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and loved them even as you loved me

Vs 23



Ajith Fernando

- 1) Recognize that reconciliation is God's gift; it does not begin with our activism.

Celebrate

2) Work for justice with a spirit of mercy....“

‘..grace calls us first to slow down and start with God's gift of lament: to see, name, and feel the brokenness. Only when we experience lament, feel helpless, and let go of control can we open up to our need for God and God's gifts—the only things that can rescue us from our alienation.”

3) Conversion by grace takes time and does not leave us standing complacently where we are...

“grace not only takes time but gives us time to pursue reconciliation, not with desperation but by embracing long-term practices and disciplines that in the light of God's love become "graces" through which we and our institutions can be converted.”

