

Come and See: A Passion for Oneness
John 17:21-24

"Man, created in the image of God, is much too great to have such a small center as himself"
- H. Drummond, 19th century

We Were Made for Oneness with God - Jo 17:11, 21-24

- Not being joined to God...
 - ...explains fear of death - Heb 2:14-15
 - ...speaks to our search for intimacy/personal connections - Gen 2:18; Col 1:16
 - ...suggests why the temporal/created never fully satisfies - Lk 12:15
- Our "Adam life" cannot get to God - Gen 2:15-17; 3:6-9; 3:22-23

God's Answer to the Human Dilemma Is Jesus Christ - Jo 1:14,16

- He comes to join us to God's Life - Jo 17:11, 21-24
 - ...He overcomes every obstacle to oneness with God
(law; sins; Satan; death; separated, sinful man)
 - ...He raises us into a newness of life - Ro 6:4; Ga 2:20
- Ours is a gospel of fellowship with God - Jo 14:3
 - ...our fellowship with God in Christ is a holy constant - Ro 8:1; Heb 13:5; Col 3:4
 - ...our primary question changes from "How can I...?" to "Who can...?" - Ga 2:20; Ro 1:17

The Purpose for This Union Is to Reveal/Glorify God - 17:1, 4-6; 25-26; Is 43:7

- This union is not about the improvement of my character...
 - ...it is about the expression of His nature - Col 1:27
- The witness of our oneness with God in Christ:
 - ...peace - Jo 16:33
 - ...joy - Jo 17:13
 - ...unity - Jo 17:23
 - ...love - Jo 17:26