

Why “One”? Why Now?

The Cost of Unity in Christ

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Getting Started: The Lost Emphasis of Romans

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1. **We Are One = Faith** (John 17:20-21)

2. **We Are One = Glory** (John 17:22-23)

3. **We Are One = Presence** (John 17:24)

4. **We Are One = Mission/ Missions**
(John 17:25-26)

Wrapping Up: The “Mystery” in Ephesians (Ephesians 4:7-16)

Sermon Later

1. **Matthew 24:13** admonishes us that “... *but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.*”
 - i. Does this exclusively refer to our perseverance in our Faith? Why and Why Not?
 - ii. The end time phenomena described in Matthew 24:1-12 – the deceits, pseudo-Messianic claims, wars, conflicts among nations and kingdoms, natural disasters, and persecution – threaten more than just our faith.
Share how these phenomena also threaten our fellowship with one another.
What is/are some ways we can help each other stand firm to the end?
2. **Matthew 24:12-14**
*“¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, **the love of most** will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”*
 - i. “The **love** of most will grow cold” (v.12) – how would the love we have for God growing cold affect our love for one another?
 - ii. What have you learned from today’s sermon regarding our unity in Christ and our role to bring *this gospel of the kingdom to the whole world as a testimony to all nations in anticipation of the return of Christ, our coming King?* (Matthew 24:14)