

MADE ONE BY THE GLORY



***We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord***

Followers of Jesus keep singing about unity.

But where is it?

The world scoffs.

“They can’t even agree among themselves!”

“They’re always fighting with each other.”

“It’s hard to find a saint among those hypocrites.”

The world will never listen to our gospel until we speak with one voice:

The Master’s voice.

“The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me.”

John 17

Synthetic unity

The world sneers at our synthetic unity.

Unity around our “whiteness”.

Unity around our “blackness”.

Unity around our favorite doctrine.

Unity around “tongues”.

Unity around our mother tongue.

All synthetic.

A “unity” that divides us from all the others.

Unity around Jesus only.

“The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one.”

Glory.

God’s glory.

When that glory visits us, we fall on our faces before God and repent of ourselves.

Until this happens there will be no unity in the Body.

Only God’s glory.

We are too full of ourselves to unify ourselves.

Only God’s glory can bring us out of ourselves into unity around Jesus.

So where is that glory?

It is already here.

“The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them.”

When will that glory bring us to our knees?

When will the glory of the Lord cause us to shut our mouths, fall on our faces and repent?



Desperation.

When Israel fell away, when it rejected and killed the prophets who were calling it to repent, invading armies brought the nation to its knees.

Only when Israel was desperate, did it begin to repent.

Only when the Prodigal was desperate, did he begin to repent.

When the Body of Christ is desperate, it will see the glory.

It will fall on its face and repent.

It will lift up its eyes and see no one but Jesus.

And there will be one flock, one Shepherd, wrapped in the blazing glory of God.

And the voice of the Lord Jesus will be heard with such power that the world will tremble.

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Prayer: Oh lord, that we do see your glory. That the awe of you drives all else out. Bring us to the point where we are desperate to see your glory, where we are desperate to be one with you. Open our hearts to desire this most precious gift, Lord. We repent of being so full of ourselves and our opinions that we aren't living in your glory, aren't one with you and aren't truly one with our brothers and sisters. Forgive us for embracing synthetic unity, for dwelling in anything that divides us. Lift our eyes to see you, to see your glory together. May we be one flock... led by you, our beloved Shepherd, so in love with you, so imbued with your word, so filled with your Spirit, that the power and beauty of living in your glory, being united in in your glory... reverberates across the earth and awakens this world to your omnipotent, holy, eternal, beautiful presence.

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