



Lesson Twelve: Jesus Prays for Us
Hebrews 7:22-25; John 17:20-26
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Hebrews 7:22-25

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

John 17:20-26

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.”

Discussion Questions:

1. The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus lives to pray for us. (See Hebrews 7:25) Do you really believe that? What does that mean for you?
2. Who is Jesus praying for in John 17:20? How does this staggering truth give you hope?
3. Why does Jesus pray for unity in the Church? Why is this prayer important in our cultural moment?
4. How does Christian unity bear witness to the power of the Gospel?
5. What does unity in the Church have to do with our union with Christ?
6. How does Jesus conclude His prayer in John 17? What encouragement does this give you in your own life of prayer?