

John 271 “Glorious Unity” John 17:1-5 Matthew 6:9-13

Satan’s kingdom is made up of frightened people who have no security and that’s why the fear of death continuously stalks them until a relationship with God through His Son, the Living Word is established followed by a relationship with His written Word and only then will they come to appreciate their new position in Christ.

In reality, it’s spiritual death which enslaves the unbeliever and even though he doesn’t know it or understand it, it is the true basis for his fear.

At the Cross, Jesus provided salvation for us, not for angels and as a result, believing man who is born inferior to the angels, becomes superior to them by proxy due to that salvation. And it is God Who receives the glory by taking a lowly creature and lifting him up to an exalted position in Christ.

The Second or last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ gained infinitely more through His multi-faceted obedient victory over sin on the Cross than the first Adam lost in the Garden through his failure to refrain from disobediendly violating the Lord God’s single prohibition.

In His two instantaneous grace adjustments to Himself that He made for us, God supplied salvation and post-salvation sin recovery and in His gradual or progressive grace adjustment of our spiritual growth, He prepared a fantastic experiential plan for us in which if we desire, we are able to clearly understand the entire realm of His biblical truth. This grace process must function on a voluntary free-will decision and it must be exercised daily.

When the apostle Paul came to the place in his life of unbearable pain with its resulting intense frustration, he prayed three times that his thorn in the flesh would be removed and what was God’s answer? “My grace is enough for you.”

The definitive model for Church Age believer’s unity is obviously, the unity between the Father and His beloved Son and since that unity is not physical, our oneness with the Father and Son is the same and that’s a perfect example of how our relationship with one another should be characterized.

The bond of union Jesus describes in His prayer is a commonality of a spiritual life of love like Jesus loves; the love which unites the Father and the Son, a love we are called upon to practice which will make us one with each other because we are already one with God the Father and His Son.

We can’t pray “Your Kingdom come” today because the Kingdom cannot come today; even God Himself could not bring the Kingdom today but it was possible when the disciples were hearing Jesus say it because the King was on earth but today, the King is in Heaven seated at the right Hand of the Father.

And the King is going to stay there until operation footstool is complete and after operation footstool, the Church will go up to meet the King and the King will meet the Church in the air and He still won’t be on the earth.

The devil is the god of this age or this world, he is the prince of the power of air and he will rule this world until the Second Advent and when the devil rules the world, the will of God cannot be done on earth as it is in Heaven; even among those who belong to God, believers in Jesus Christ, His will is not being fully recognized.

This prayer recognizes the plan of the Father and so today there is a principle: we cannot pray that prayer today and our petitions must be oriented to the plan of God in the time or Age in which we live, so this means we have to know the Church Age plan of God.

James 1:13 tells us that God cannot tempt anyone, it's impossible and incompatible with His nature to solicit to evil and this petition doesn't mean to be led into temptation because God never provides any temptation of any kind for any member of the human race; what it does mean is please do not carry us into testing.

When adversity, pressure, trial, heartache or catastrophe comes, we want to have the same peace, the same happiness and the same power we have at any other time.

This doesn't even come close to leading us into temptation; we just want to be able to stand tall in pressure and this means to stand on what He has provided, without being confused, becoming frantic or worrying ourselves sick.

Our Lords's High-Priestly prayer which is the true Lord's prayer came at the end of His Upper Room message which became His Gethsemane discourse. The Lord Jesus begins His prayer with the same word He taught His disciples to use when they prayed: Father, addressed to the first Person of the Trinity.