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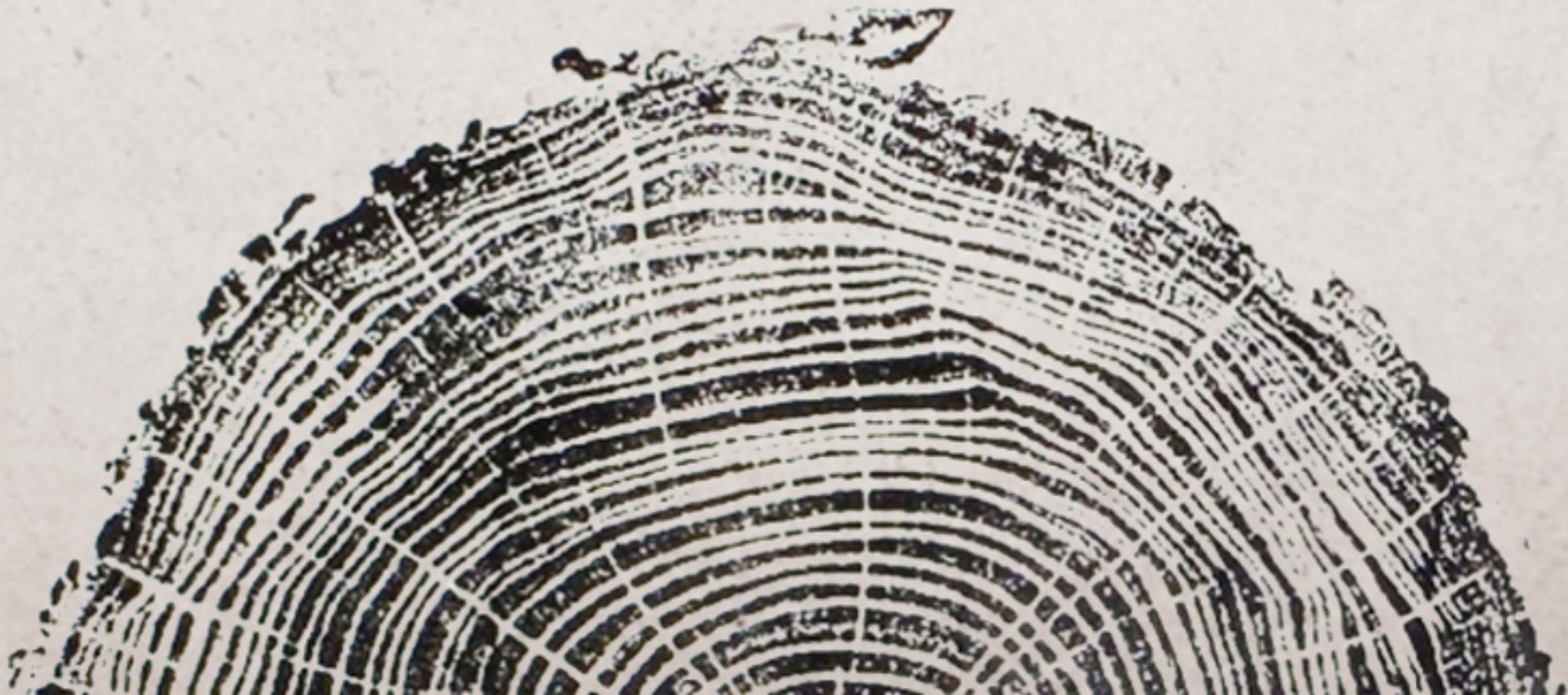
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# JESUS PRAYS TO BRING US IN

John 17:20-26



“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

John 17:20-26

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you--your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (The Message)

In destitution, even of feeling or purpose, a human being is more hauntingly human and vulnerable to kindness because there is a sense that things should be otherwise, and then the thought of what is wanting and what alleviation would be, and how the soul could be put at ease, restored. At home. But the soul finds it's own home if it ever has a home at all.

Marilynne Robertson, Home

In the high priestly prayer, Jesus places us  
in the arms of his Father, on the chest of  
his Father, and in the heart of his Father.

EM Bounds, Complete Works on Prayer 272

Jesus prays that we would be  
brought into the life of God  
(Father, Son, Spirit)

The bible says that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit glorify one another that means the persons within God, exalt, commune with and defer to one another. Each divine person harbors the others at the center of his being. In constant movement of overture and acceptance each person envelops and encircles the others. God's interior life therefore overflows with self-giving love for others.

Cornelius Plantinga

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The Christian life is a conversation, a dynamic relationship in which, as a result of our new birth, the talking begins. God's "word" now becomes the medium of our relationship too and with it, our talking develops an intimacy with profound social dimensions.

Gary Burge, NIV Commentary, John

The crucial point is that this text does not simply make these followers the objects of God's love, but promises that they will be so transformed, as God is continually made known to them, that God's own love for his Son will become their love. The love with which they learn to love is nothing less than the love amongst the persons of the Godhead.

DA Carson, Pillar Commentary, John

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John 17:26

I have waged this war against myself for  
many years.

It was terrible.

But now I am disarmed.

I am no longer frightened of anything

Because love banishes fear.

I am disarmed of the need to be right  
And to justify myself by disqualifying others.

I am no longer on the defensive,

Holding onto my riches.

I just want to welcome and to share.

I don't hold on to my ideas and projects.  
If someone shows me something better—  
no I shouldn't say better but good—  
I accept them without any regrets.  
I now longer seek to compare.

What is good, true and real is always for me  
the best.

That is why I have no fear.

When we are disarmed  
and dispossessed of self,

if we open our hearts to the God-Man  
Who makes all things new,  
Then He takes away past hurts  
And reveals a new world  
Where everything is possible.

Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople