

Beloved in Christ,

As we are poised on the brink of Resurrection Day, we still have Jesus' words just before His death ringing in our ears...

*John 17:21-23*

*that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

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Herein Jesus gives us the clearest possible reason we should press in prayer for oneness in the Body of Christ. We do so that the "world may know that You have sent Me." This statement challenges us the more we consider it, its depth of meaning increasing. He is the only Son of God who was sacrificed for us at the very hour that the Passover lambs were slaughtered in Jerusalem, and raised, as Scripture says, on the third day as the first fruit from the dead.

And to give added emphasis to His words, Jesus actually repeats Himself 4 times within 3 verses ... that "they may be one" is His refrain!

Beloved, let this prayer of Jesus Himself, uttered just hours before His arrest in the garden, echo throughout Coweta County this week, "That we all may be one, so the world will know".

And let our praises be heard resounding out of every church in the county in one accord, "Hallelujah! He is Risen, Hallelujah, He is Risen Indeed!"

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