



“The Heart of Christ for the Church”

JOHN 17:1-26

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” (Eph. 5:25)

JESUS’ HEART FOR THE CHURCH

Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” reveals his heart...

1. For his, and his Father’s, **GLORY** (v. 1-5)
2. For his disciple’s **UNITY** and **RESPONSIBILITY** (v. 6-19)
3. For his bride’s **COMPANY** and **JOY** (v. 20-26)

YOUR HEART FOR THE CHURCH

What is your heart towards the church?

1. Do you **BELONG TO** the church?
2. Do you **LOVE** the church?
3. Do you **PRAY FOR** the church?

“Our trouble is that we do not take the Scripture seriously when it speaks of us as Christ’s body. Christ is the head; we are his own body parts. How does a head feel about his own flesh? The apostle Paul tells us: ‘He nourishes and cherishes it’”

— Dane Ortlund (Gentle & Lowly pg. 40)