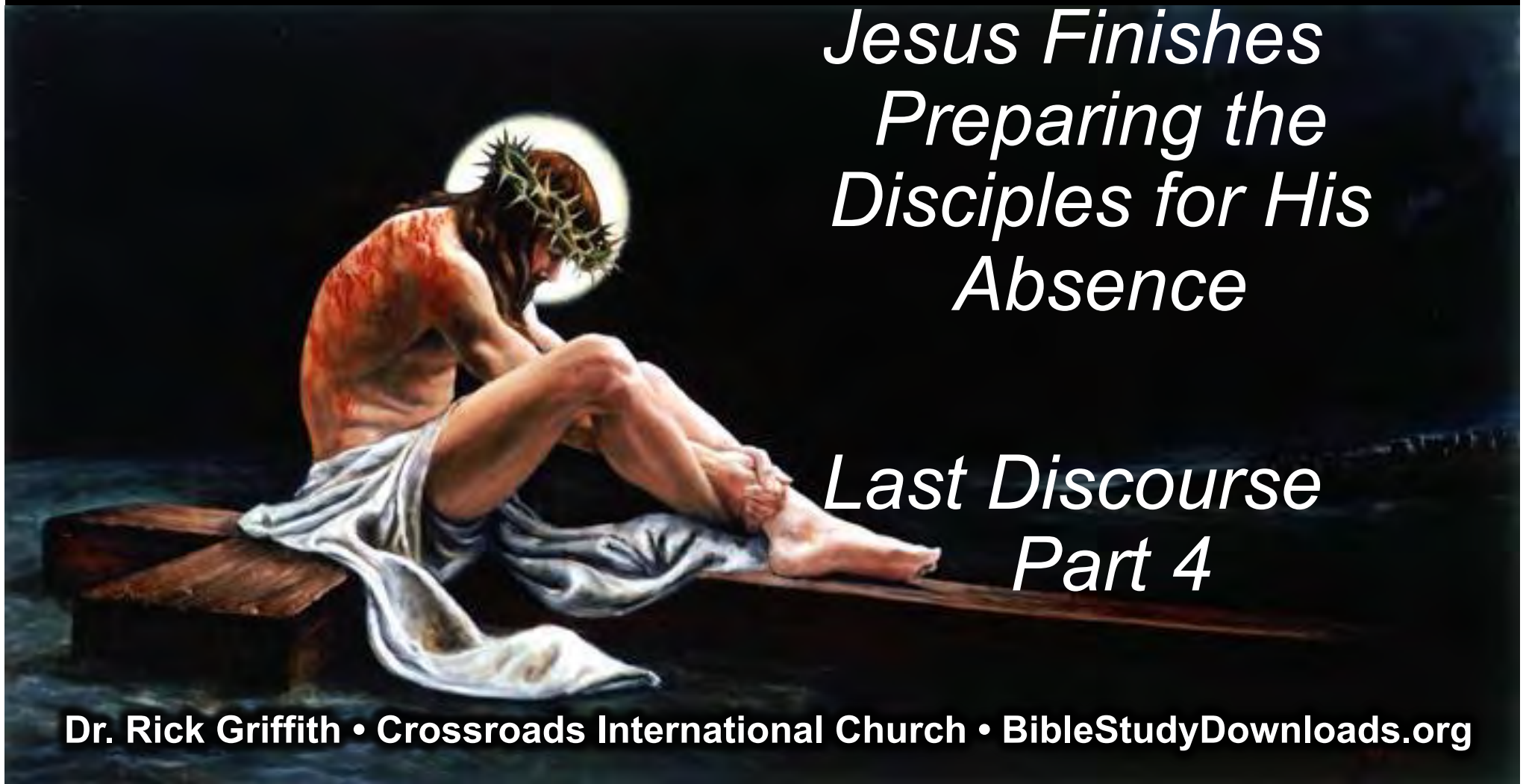


Praying Like Jesus (John 17)

*Jesus Finishes
Preparing the
Disciples for His
Absence*

*Last Discourse
Part 4*





“For where two
or three are
gathered in my
name...”
(Matthew
18:20)

What do you pray for?



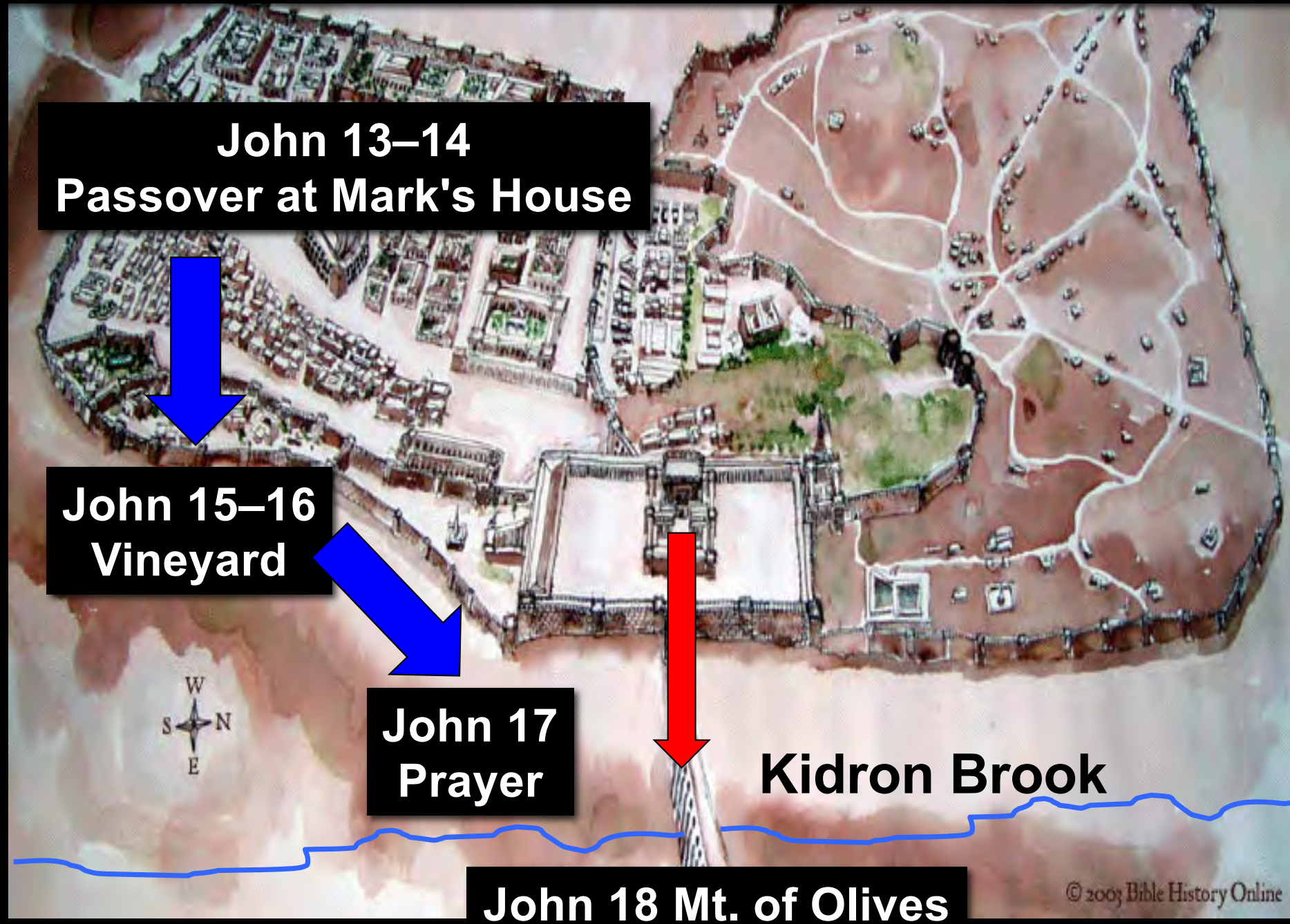
Like Jesus?

Deity Made Man for Eternal Life

Deity of the Son of God		Revelation of the Son of God		Preparation of the Son's Disciples	Passion & Resurrection of the Son of God	Adequacy of the Son of God
1:1-18		1:19–12:50		13–17	18–20	21
Prologue		Public		Private	Public	Private
Incarnation	2 Signs Received	5 Signs Rejected	Upper Room Discourse (no signs)		Ultimate Sign	Last Sign
	1:19–4:54	5–12				
Eternity Past		Fall AD 29-Monday, 30 March 33		Thursday, 2 April 33	Friday, 3 April 33-Sunday, 5 April 33	May, AD 33

Ephesus (AD 65-69)

Jerusalem from the East, AD 33



Christ's Prayer in John 17

“There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son to God Himself.”

—Philip  Melancthon

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



A Pattern for Prayer

First pray that
you are in
God's will

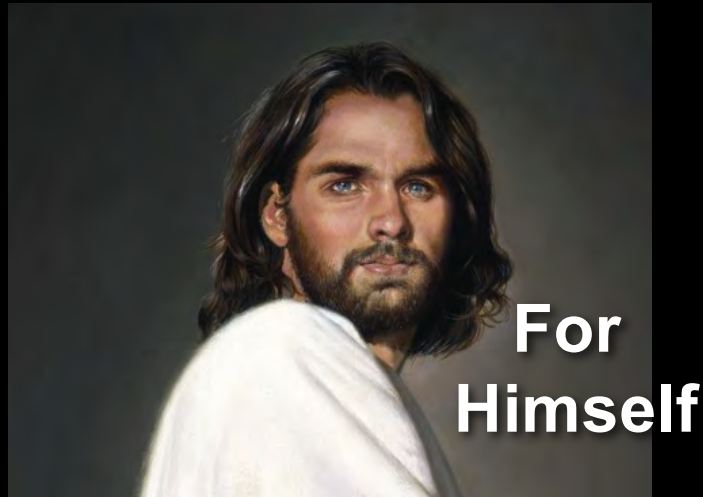
Then pray for those in your
closest sphere of influence

Finally pray for those **outside** your influence

A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that **you** will
glorify God by fulfilling
his **calling** for you.

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



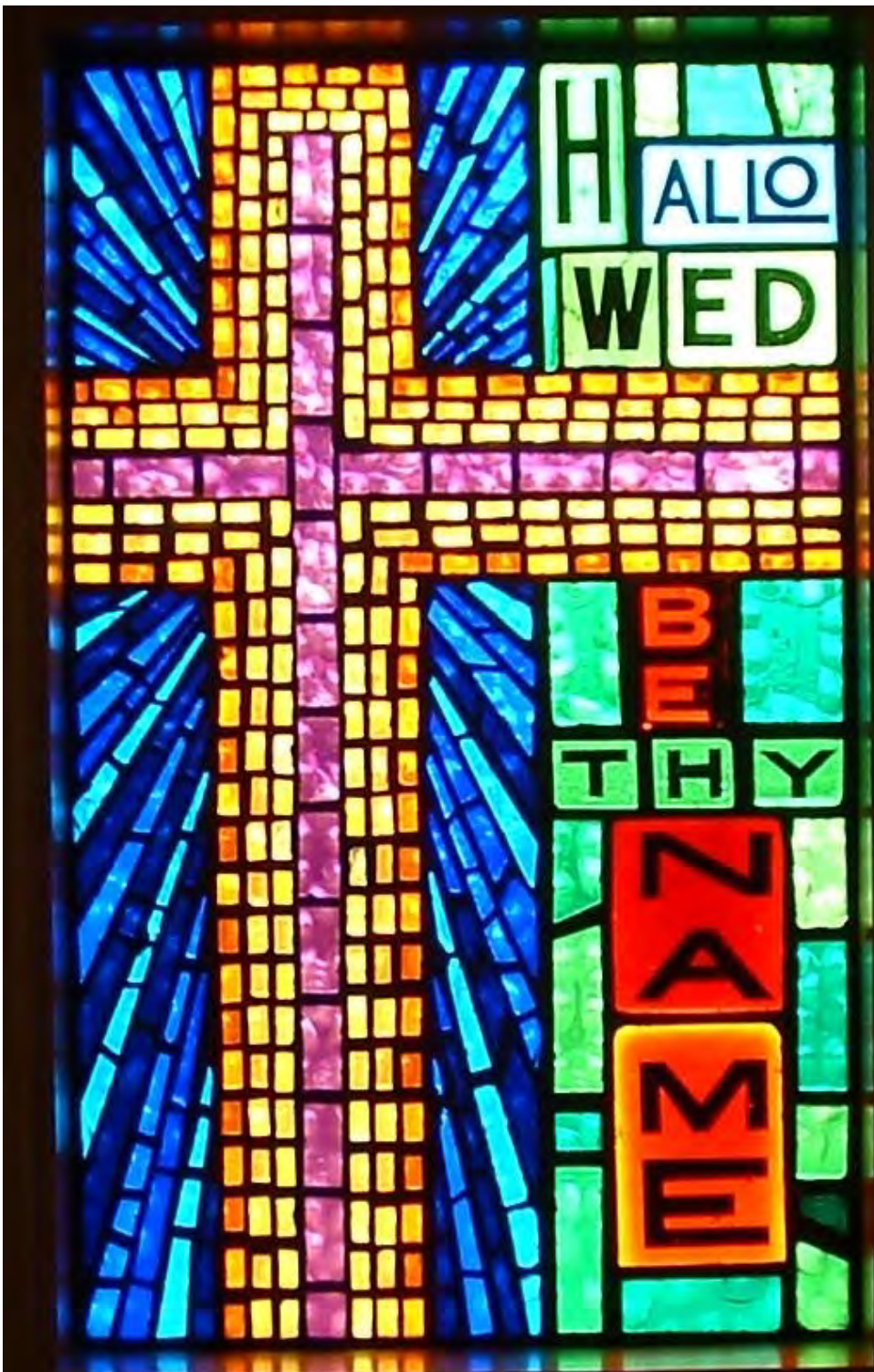
**“The time has come.
Glorify your Son...” (17:1)**

***“You granted him authority...
[to] give eternal life” (17:2)***

***“I have brought you **glory** by
completing the work
you gave me to do” (17:4)***



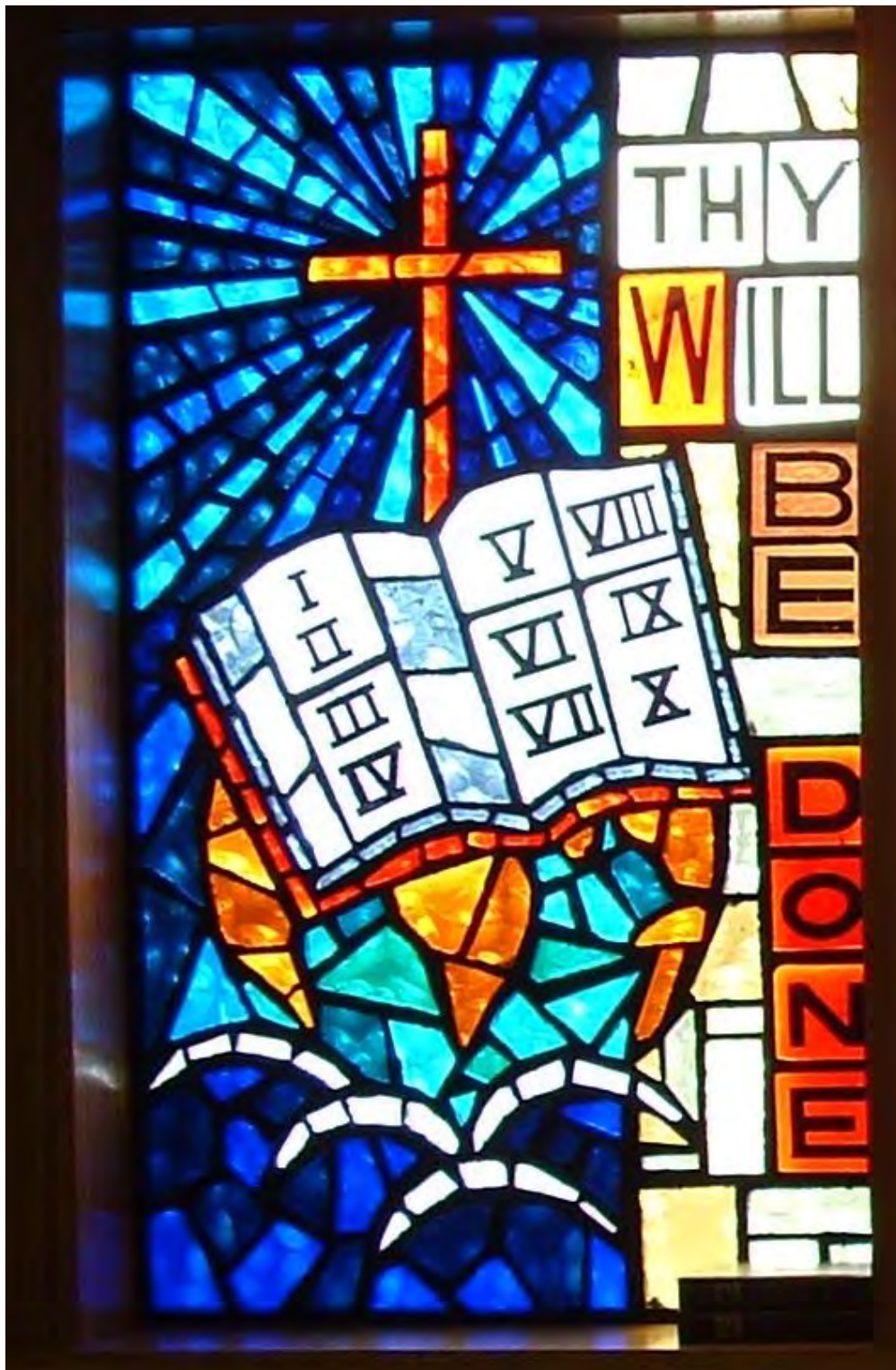
*Our Father in
Heaven*



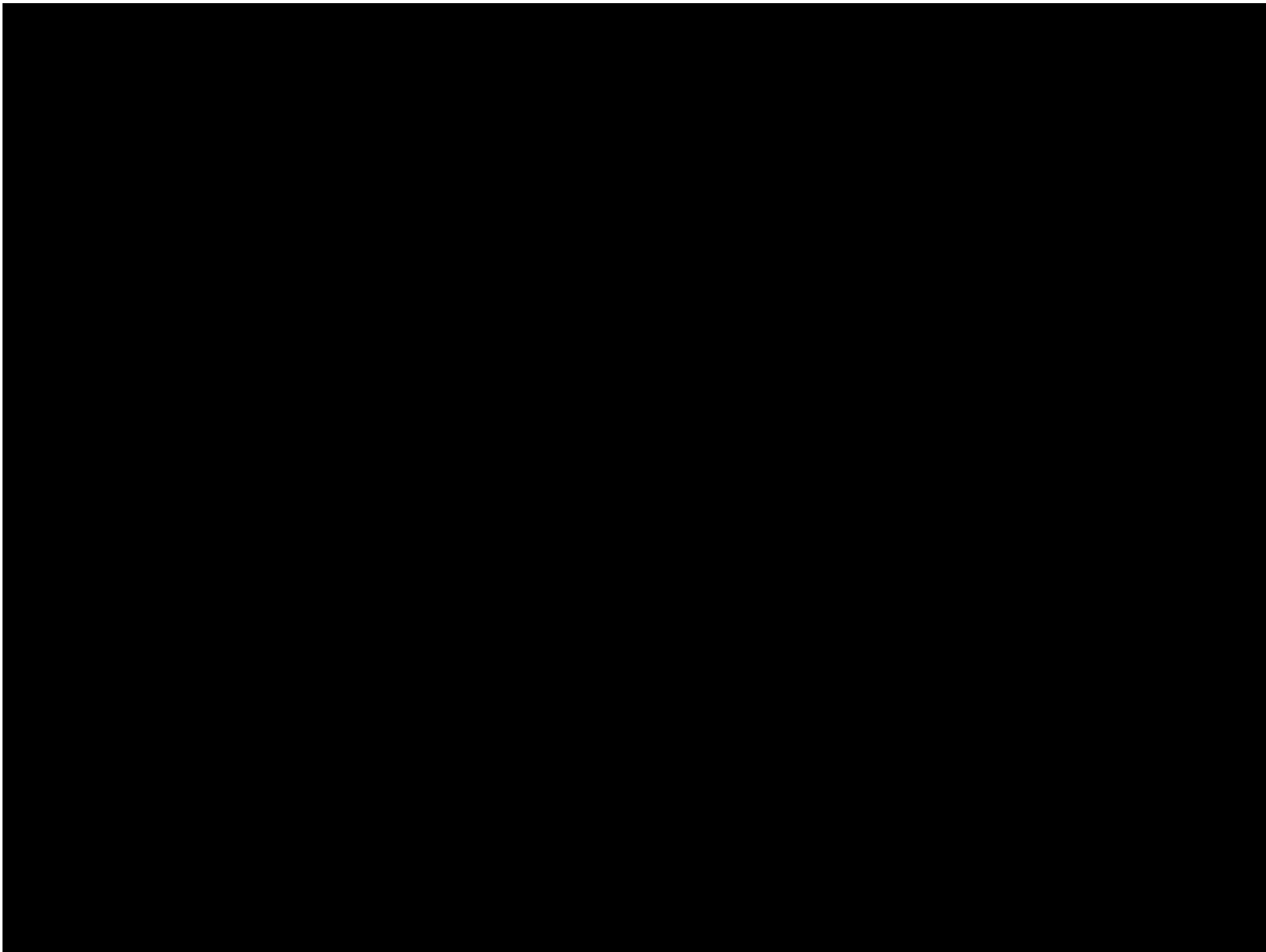
*Hallowed Be
Your Name*



*Your Kingdom
Come*



*Thy Will Be
Done*



A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that **you** will glorify God by fulfilling his **calling** for you.

II. Pray for those you **influence** to be **protected** and **holy**.

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer

1. Protect them (6-16)

2. Sanctify them (17-19)

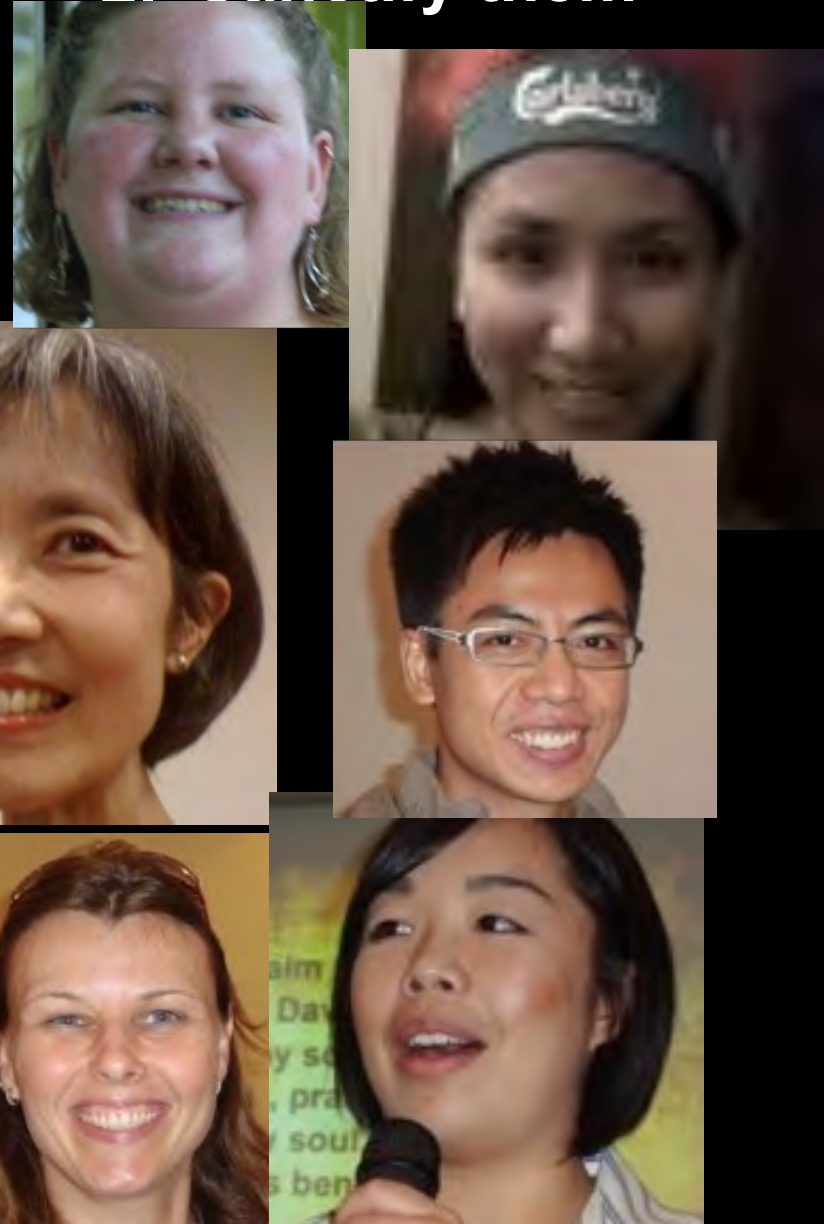


Widening Circle of **Your** Prayers

1. Protect them



2. Sanctify them



Good
and
Evil



"Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both GOOD and EVIL."
(Hebrews 5:14)



Light

overpowers the dark...
EVERY TIME.



"I'm not asking you
to take them out of
the world, but to
keep them safe from
the evil one"
(John 17:15)



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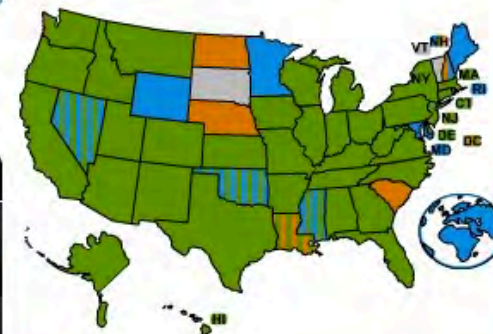
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Though Hollywood has been integrating same-sex topics into some of its films, Rupert Everett is the second actor this week to imply that homosexual Hollywood actors will be slighted if they come out.

In an interview with BBC Radio 4, Everett said, "I think show business is ideally suited for heterosexuals, it's a very heterosexual business, it's run mostly by heterosexual men, and there's a kind of pecking order."

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Unity

III. Pray for **all believers** to be a **united witness** to the world.

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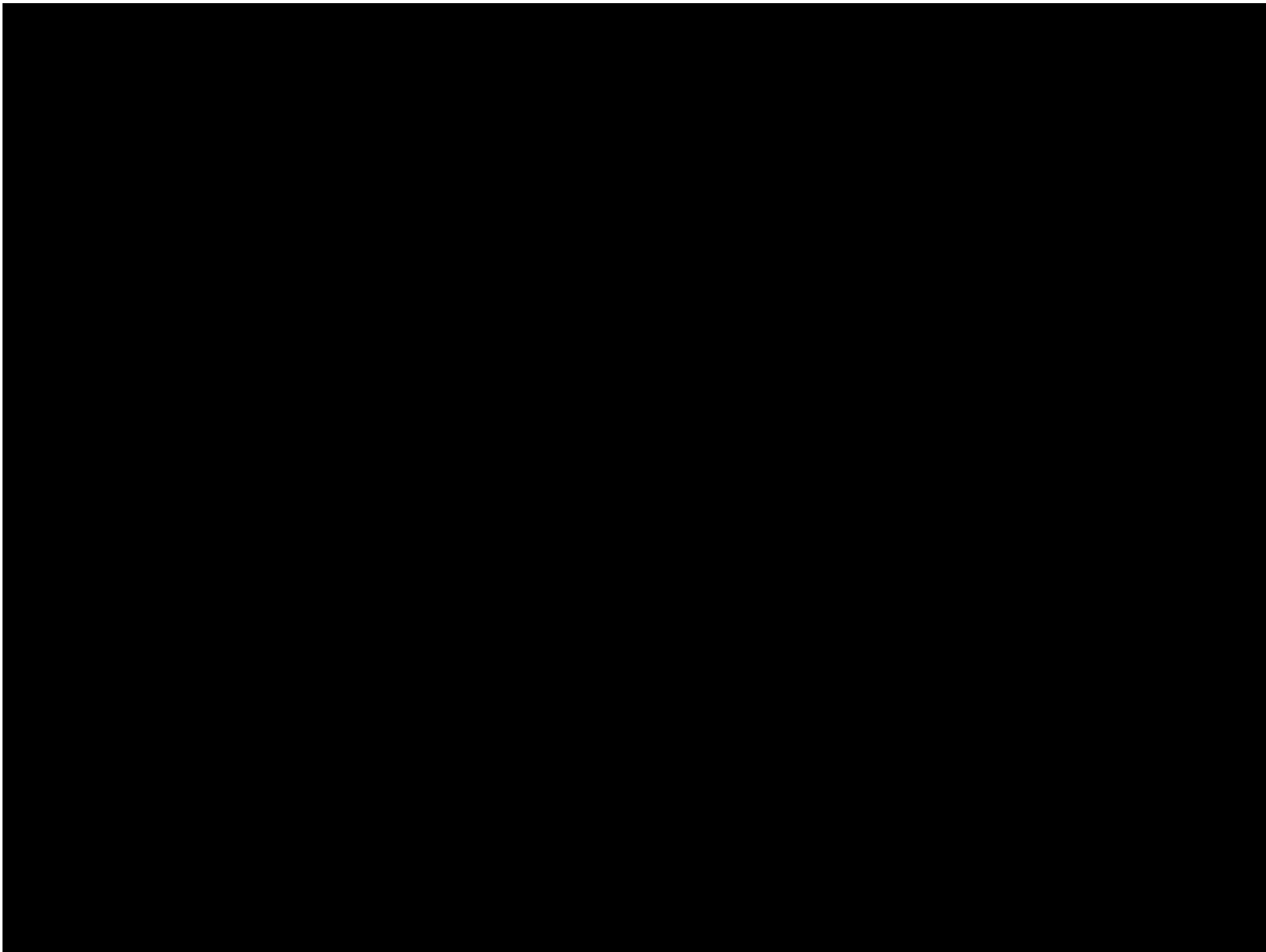
The Trinity



ORTHODOX FAITH



²¹And may they be in us **so that the world will believe** you sent me. ²²“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity **that the world will know** that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me” (21c-23).

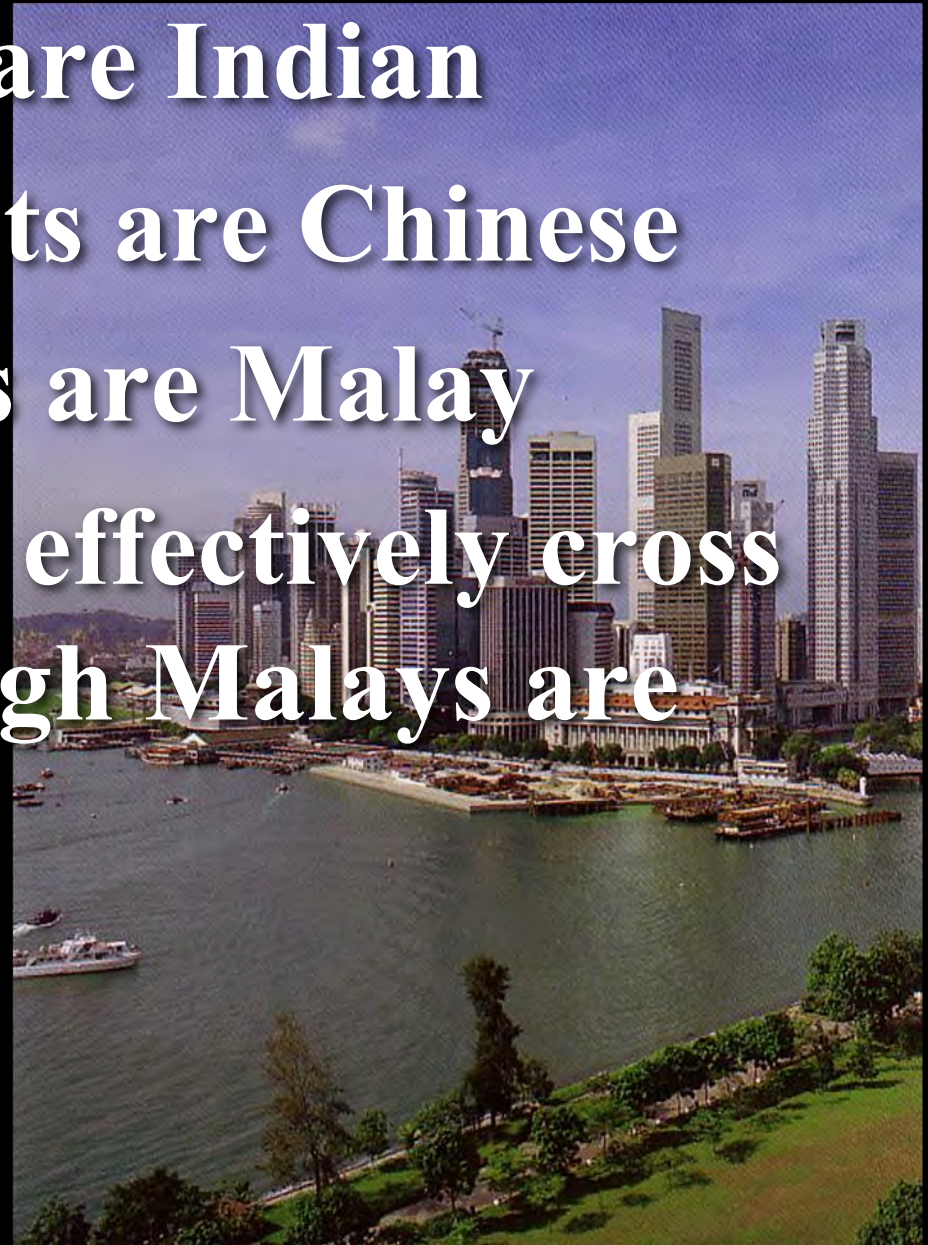


The City-State of Singapore



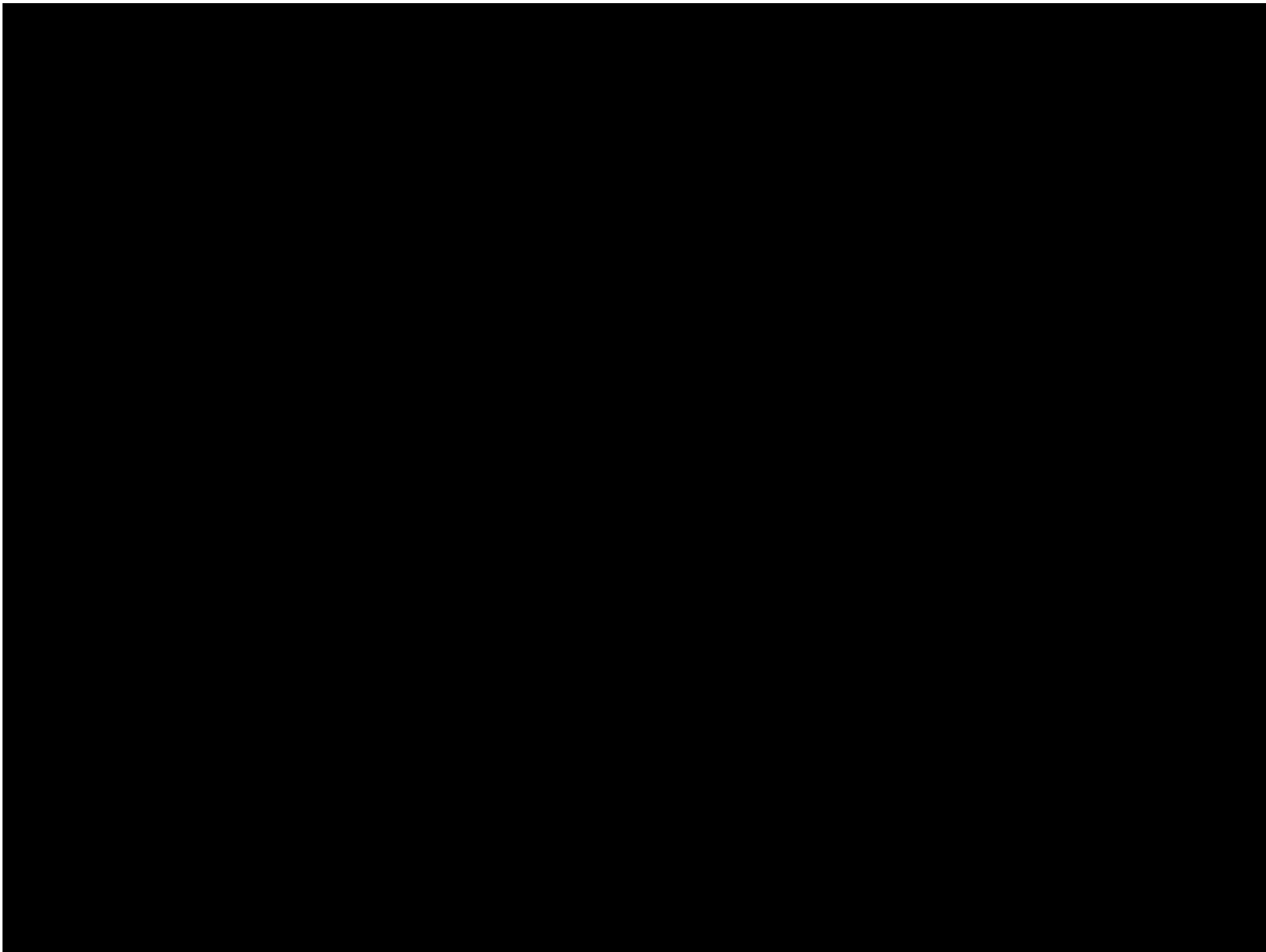
Multi-cultural * Multi-ethnic * Multi-religious

- 99% of Hindus are Indian
- 99% of Buddhists are Chinese
- 99% of Muslims are Malay
- Only Christians effectively cross racial lines though Malays are still unreached



III. Pray for **all believers** to be a **united witness** to the world (17:20-26).

- A. Unity produces more believers who can fellowship with God (20-23).*
- B. We'll be united in heaven forever--so we might as well agree now (24).*



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Church Unity

*When should we not
work together?*

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

“Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

“As God said:

**'I will live in them
and walk among them.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.**

**¹⁷Therefore, come out from among
unbelievers, and separate yourselves
from them, says the Lord'**

(2 Cor. 6:16-17)

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

**“Don't touch their filthy things,
and I will welcome you. ¹⁸And I will be
your Father, and you will be my sons
and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”**

**¹Because we have these promises, dear
friends, let us cleanse ourselves from
everything that can defile our body or
spirit. And let us work toward complete
holiness because we fear God”**

(2 Cor. 6:17–7:1)

What does 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 mean?

“The direct commands to *separate* from other people are always commands to separate *from unbelievers*, not from Christians with whom one disagrees... There are no direct New Testament commands to separate from Christians with whom one has doctrinal differences (unless those differences involve such serious heresies that the Christian faith itself is denied).”

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 877





World Council of Churches



**“It is better to be divided by truth
than to be united by error”**



III. Pray for **all believers** to be a **united witness** to the world (17:20-26).

- A. Unity produces more believers who can fellowship with God (20-23).*
- B. We'll be united in heaven forever--so we might as well agree now (24).*
- C. Unity shows God's love to unbelievers so they can know Him (25-26).*

Two Boys



Main Idea

*Why pray like Jesus for yourself,
for those you influence,
and for believers everywhere?
To keep an **outward** focus!*



Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



For
Himself

For
Disciples

For
All Believers



Unity

III. Pray for **all believers** to be a **united witness** to the world.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



“I would become a Christian
—if it weren't for Christians.”

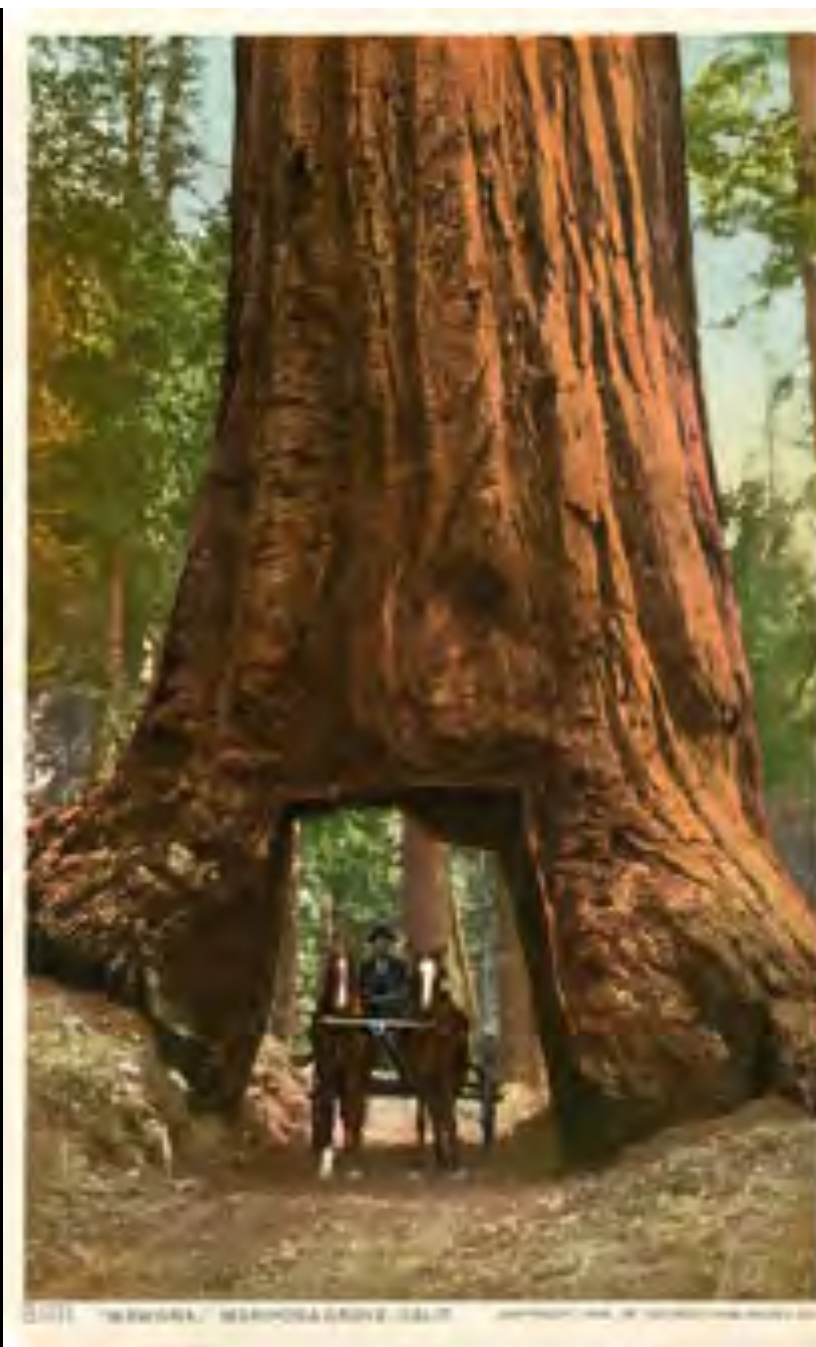


*“In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials,
liberty;
In all things, charity.”*

—Philip Melanchthon



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