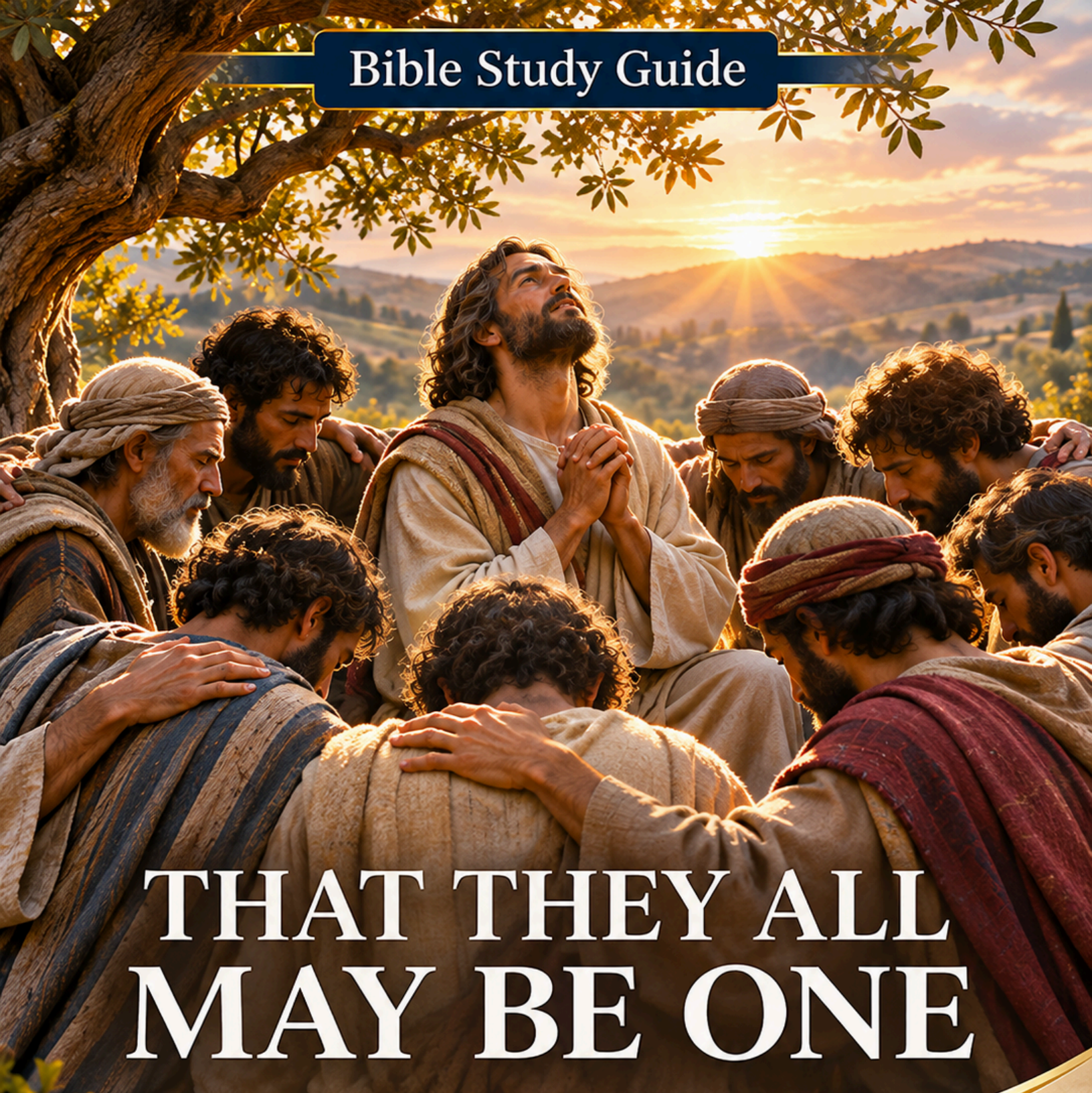
Bible Study Guide



THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

A Bible Study on Christian Unity, Truth, and the Prayer of Jesus

Introduction

A recipe may contain several excellent ingredients, but leaving out one essential ingredient can spoil the result. Christian unity is similar: knowledge alone cannot produce the fellowship for which Jesus prayed. Peter describes a progression of graces that grow together through God's promises, culminating in love. Real unity is the shared life and character of Christ.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What did Jesus pray His followers would become in Him and the Father?** (John 17:21)

"... as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be _____ in us: ..."

Christ prayed for a spiritual unity grounded in shared fellowship with God, which would bear witness to the world.

2 **What should believers endeavor to preserve?** (Ephesians 4:3)

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of _____."

Unity is maintained in humility through the Spirit, not imposed by force.

3 **What does Amos say is necessary for two to walk together?** (Amos 3:3)

"Can two walk together, except they be _____?"

Shared direction matters, but Christian unity is grounded in God's truth and love rather than merely external agreement.

4 **What is the standard of truth?** (John 17:17)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy _____ is truth."

God's Word exposes deception and sanctifies those who receive it.

5 **What unites believers of different backgrounds?** (Galatians 3:28)

"there is neither male nor female: for ye are all _____ in Christ Jesus."

No ethnic, social or personal distinction gives a believer superior standing before God.

6 **What may believers partake of through God's promises?** (2 Peter 1:4)

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the _____..."

Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, believers share in the transforming life God gives; they do not become divine beings.

7 **What is the relationship between grace and good works?** (Ephesians 2:8-10)

"For by grace are ye saved through _____ ... For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto _____,"

Salvation is God's gift, not our achievement; obedience is the fruit of His saving work.

8 **What does Peter say should be added to faith before knowledge?** (2 Peter 1:5)

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith _____;"

Faith is to develop moral excellence rather than remain an intellectual profession.

9 **What results when the Christian graces abound?** (2 Peter 1:8)

"they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor _____ in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Growing in Christ makes knowledge fruitful in character and action.

10 **What kind of fruit does the Holy Spirit produce?** (Galatians 5:22-23)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, _____:"

The Spirit produces a consistent character rather than a mere outward form of religion.

11 **What grace should be added to knowledge?** (2 Peter 1:6)

"And to knowledge _____;"

Knowledge without self-control can produce pride or disorder. The Spirit develops mastery over selfish impulses.

12 **What does Paul say about those who strive for mastery?** (1 Corinthians 9:25)

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is _____ in all things."

Self-control is part of a disciplined Christian life empowered by grace.

13 **What does Peter name after brotherly kindness?** (2 Peter 1:7)

"And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness _____."

Love is the crowning Christian grace, bringing the other qualities into harmony.

14 **What binds Christian virtues together?** (Colossians 3:14)

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of _____."

Christlike love joins the virtues of the Christian life into a harmonious whole.

15 **How should God's forgiven people treat one another?** (Ephesians 4:32)

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, _____ one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Receiving mercy changes how we respond to others' mistakes.

16 **How does Isaiah describe the watchmen when the Lord restores Zion?** (Isaiah 52:8)

"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see _____, when the LORD shall bring again Zion."

God's restoration brings His people into harmony. The fellowship of believers should point toward that promised unity.

17 **In what spirit should we speak truth?** (Ephesians 4:15)

"But speaking the truth in _____, may grow up into him in all things,"

Truth and love are not competitors; maturity in Christ requires both.

18 **How are many believers related in Christ?** (1 Corinthians 12:12)

"For as the body is one, and hath many members ... so also is _____."

Unity in Christ allows different members and gifts to serve together.

Appeal

Will you seek unity not by demanding conformity to your preferences, but by receiving Christ's promises and growing in His character with others?

Commitment

I choose to cultivate faith, self-control, patience, kindness, and love through Christ, and to pursue the unity of His Spirit.

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