

*current sermon series*

# PASTORAL PRAYERS

for the **CHURCH**

# John 17:20-26

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

# John 17:20-26

<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

# John 17:20-26

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

# John 17:20-26

<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

# Why Pastoral Prayers for the Church?

- To remind us of the necessity of prayer in the life of the Believer.
- To teach us to pray.
- To grow into a Body that gives evidence to these prayers.

# A Unified People

- The subjects of His prayer
- The petition in His prayer
- The means to accomplish His petition
- The outworking of the accomplishment

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# A Unified People

Sinners are not called to do some great and heroic deed to make up for the wrong that they have done, but we are simply to believe. We trust in Jesus and the great and heroic work that Jesus has done.

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# A Unified People

The Father and Son's mutual love overflows  
in service, delight, and equality.

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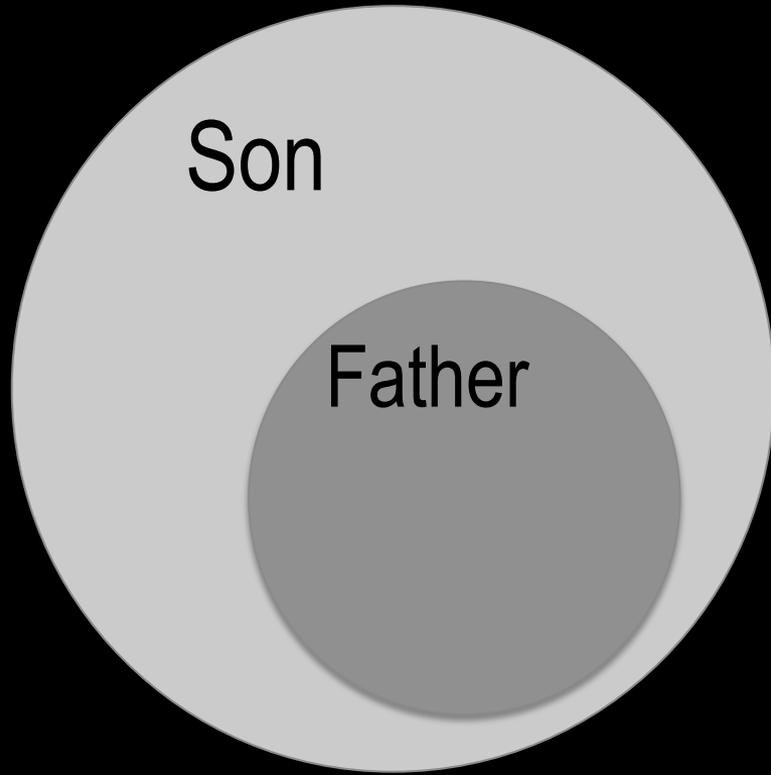
The Church's attitude toward one another should be one of love, humility, commitment, delight, and service.

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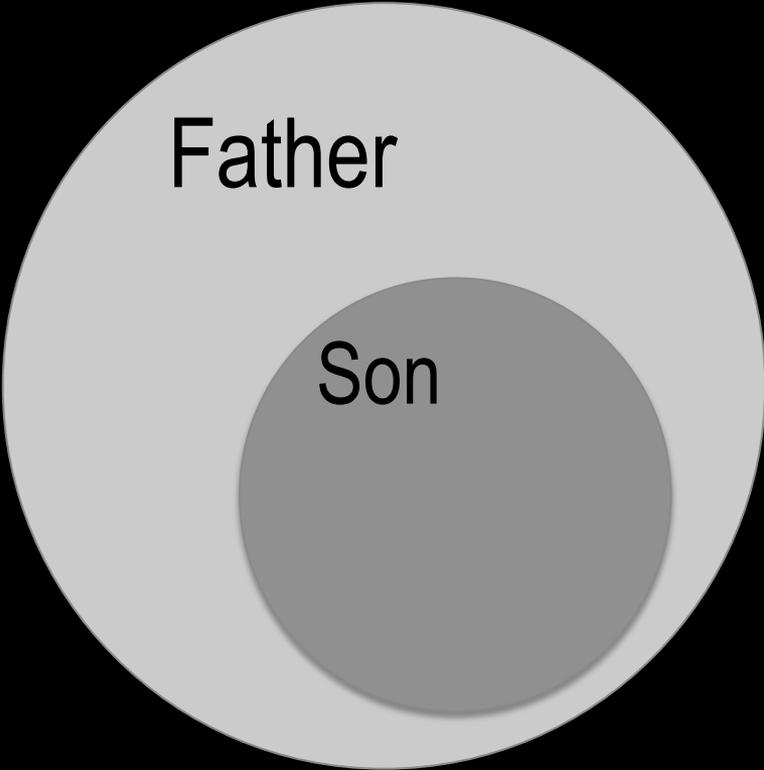
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Son

Father



Father

Son

Son/Father

The diagram consists of three concentric circles. The outermost circle is light gray and contains the text 'Son/Father'. Inside it is a medium gray circle containing the text 'Believers'. The innermost circle is white and contains the text 'Son'. The circles are centered on the left side of the image against a black background.

Believers

Son

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