

Jesus Is...

Christ the King... Makes Us One.

Ephesians 1:9-11, Psalm 133:1-3

1. Christ makes us one through the glory of His completed work on the cross. *John 17:1-5*

2. Christ keeps us one through the Word of God as we believe, accept and keep His message of truth.

John 17:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:16

“The Bible is unlike any other religious book. Despite forty authors writing from three continents over nearly two thousand years, it maintains a perfect consistency of message. Its words point unerringly to Christ, whose work on the cross was ordained by God—the true author of the Bible—before the world began.” - **Tim Chaffey**

3. Christ protects our oneness by the power of His name. We belong to Him and He guards our unity and eternal security. *John 17:9-12; Exodus 3:15*

John 8:58 - Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!”

The Seven I AM's of Jesus

I am the Bread of Life - *John 6:48*

I am the Light of the World - *John 8:12*

I am the Gate for the Sheep - *John 10:7*

I am the Good Shepherd - *John 10:11*

I am the Resurrection and the Life - *John 11:25*

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life - *John 14:6*

I am the Vine - *John 15:5*

4. Christ strengthens our oneness and identity with Him as we're built up by the resistance and hatred of the world. *John 17:13-21, John 15:18-19*

5. Christ perfects our oneness with the glory of God found in the love of Christ's redemption and lived out with the goal of unity. *John 17:22-23*

Discussion Questions:

1. Has taking in the Word of God made you feel closer to God or more distant? How has studying the Word of God made you feel more one with other believers?
2. Do you feel protected by the power of God's name? Why or why not? Discuss eternal security and the inheritance that God's name guarantees.
3. How have you experienced the spiritual resistance of the world? Have you ever felt hated by “the world”, meaning the culture that is in opposition to God? How? How has resistance from the world built up your spiritual strength?
4. Did you realize that oneness of believers is one of God's main goals for us? How have you made oneness of believers your goal? What are you doing to build oneness in the body of Christ?