



John 17 Movement and the Roman Papal Church

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The John 17 movement is a call for all Christians to embrace and respond to the message of unity according to the following prayer of Jesus that those who believe in him:

- 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 17:20-21).
- May be one even as we are one, ²³I 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 17:22-23).

This prayer of Jesus is the reason Roman Catholics and a variety of Protestant Christians met together on May 23rd, 2015 in Phoenix, Arizona. On this day those in attendance made a declaration to see the Church in Phoenix become relationally unified in a way that would make the claims of Jesus visibly seen and felt by those within and outside of the church, so that the church in all its rich diversity can live and work as one family in the unity of the Holy Spirit. (Cited from Joe Tosini Founder, John 17 Movement).

At this present time, many see the church as a divided family of God full of harsh judgements amongst professing Christians, which have caused deep wounds and centuries of conflicts. The goal of the John 17 Movement is to heal these wounds and bring all churches together. However, to achieve the worldwide unity they desire there will need to be a down play on Scripture and the Gospel and a greater focus on humanism (i.e., the well-being of humanity and the planet) for the sake of unity.

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It is certain the worldwide ecumenical movement will continue to increase and grow since many do not see Scripture as authoritative, but the basis for true and lasting unity is not in simple conformity, but a call to faithfulness to the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary, the Gospel, and the Bible.

Unity at the expense of Scripture is not the type of unity Jesus had in mind, the principal of biblical unity is to gather together and in a spirit of humility and peace, leaving pride, ego and traditions, outside the door, and reason together in a spirit of grace and examine the Scripture in a spirit of peace to discover the correct meaning and interpretation.

The Bible predicts a false religious movement will arise in the last days to force the world to follow-after unbiblical teachings, all cloaked in the forms of united Christianity. It will present itself as the one true church, a religious power that was mortally wounded, but whose deadly wound was healed. A great majority of the world will marvel and follow this beast power at the expense of Bible truth.

THE THEME OF THE JOHN 17 MEETINGS

The theme of the John 17 meetings is founded upon the following prayer of Jesus to the Father for unity:

- I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that 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 17:21).

There is no question that church unity is a good thing, but can such unity be established by overlooking Scriptural teaching. To find the answer to this we need to put Jesus' prayer in the context of his entire prayer starting at verse six.

- I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. (John 17:6).

This clearly highlights the fact that the people Jesus is praying for is those who keep his word, which means it cannot apply to Catholicism because they do not keep the word of God or the Gospel of Christ, but twist, corrupt and distort much of it, and base their practices on the Old Testament Levitical Priesthood, ceremonial rites and pagan traditions of Rome.

Throughout history the Popes, bishops, cardinals' priests and clergy have done a masterful job in deceiving the world into thinking they are Christians and spreading the lie that their practices are somehow in line with the teaching of the Jesus and the apostles. The Lord Jesus Christ's prayer in John seventeen is specifically meant for those who hold to the truth of the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus not to those who twist, corrupt, and distort it as the following words of Jesus show:

- Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. (John 17:7-9).

The problem here is that the Catholic church has greatly corrupted the word of God, the Gospel and Jesus message of salvation.

- All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (John 17:10-11).

When the importance of Jesus teachings and the Gospel is held in lower esteem than unity, it is only natural that those who do not value the importance of Jesus, the apostles and Paul's teachings will unite with the Vatican for the sake of unity and come together thinking they are one in Christ, but, they are coming together with Christians who are wolves appearing to be sheep on the outside:

Paul warned the Corinthians of those who claim to work on the same terms as the apostles saying:

- Such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. (2 Cor. 11:12-14).

Peter wrote:

- False prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. (2 Peter 2:1).

Jesus warned his disciples that in the latter days, the deception will be so great that even the faithful could be deceived:

- False christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (Matt. 24:24).

The deception will become far more deceiving than it is today. Those who hold fast to the true teachings of Christ and the Gospel should be continually vigilant and ever-cautious of these wolves who will try to unite themselves with the true church of Christ, or at least claim to do so. Over one million people gathered with huge tents and banners to welcome Pope Francis with gladness in a massive celebration, the following words of Jesus show that this is the exact opposite of what the word of God says that Christians should expect from the world.

- I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:14).

Not only does much of the world like Pope Francis, but many of his followers worship him as a god, which shows that he is not proclaiming the true words of Christ or the Gospel. With the almost uncalculatable masses of wealth accumulated by the Catholic Church, the Pope is afforded every convenience and comfort possible and by the grandeur and opulence of the Vatican those who do not exalt Christ's words and the Gospel above all things and imagine that godliness is a means of gain are easily deceived into thinking that their great wealth is a sign of God's blessing upon the Papal Church.

Paul warned Timothy

- If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. (1 Tim. 6:3).

According to Georgetown University, the average weekly donation of an American Catholic to the church is \$10. There are 85 million in North America, meaning each week the Catholic Church pulls in \$850m through donations from individual American Catholics. The Roman Papal Church is a worldwide corporate empire. Continuing with Jesus words:

- They (those in Christ) are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:16-17).

Scripture only speaks of unity in the Holy Spirit through the truth of the word of God. Concerning those things that are contrary to the word of God, the faithful are called to set themselves apart (i.e., sanctify themselves), in the same ways as Jesus sanctified himself, so that those who follow him would also be sanctified in truth. (John 17:19)

This is what Jesus prayed; that we would be set apart from all things contrary to his word and the Gospel and in this way, be gathered-together in unity. The unity the Pope and the religious evangelical organizations speak of not only seems good, but many who support it will be good intentioned, giving and kind, which are the attributes of what a sheep should be in Scripture, but it is a false unity and underneath that outer layer, there are wolves leading many into what is not biblical.

- For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

Pope Francis: in a letter to the John 17 Meeting wrote: "from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, I will be with you spiritually and with all my heart. We will search together, we will pray together, for the grace of unity. The unity that is budding among us is that unity which begins under the seal of the one Baptism we have all received

The Catholic church does not believe in being washed clean by the blood of Jesus Christ once for all sins because they take the mass and transubstantiation, in which they believe the wine they partake of miraculously turns into the blood of Christ (clearly a false miracle), and that they must drink from this cup of abomination repeatedly for the payment and forgiveness of sins. This is called the Eucharist in Catholic terminology, which is a direct denial of the once and for all saving blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all Catholics are required to believe and participate in this outrageous and repugnant practice.

The Catholic Catechism proclaims that the sacrifice of the mass by which the Lord is appeased must be done over, and over again for by it he grants grace and He pardons wrongdoings and sins, even grave ones. John A. Hardon states in the Catholic Catechism 1975, that a believer must at the mass drink Christ's blood (according to their belief) to maintain eternal life.

Pope Francis is considered legendary as a man of surprise and outreach; he has visited a Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka a meeting at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall during the first day of his papal visit to South Asia. Francis was greeted at the hall by members of Sri Lanka's Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities. He works with the Anglican church, Pentecostal churches, Hindu religion, Buddhist, Jewish, Shiite and Sunni Muslims

Bishop Tony Palmer: said, "The connection between Kenneth Copeland Ministries and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is the hope of the church."

Pope Benedict: said, "You, charismatics are the hope of the church, I believe God has brought me here in the spirit of Elijah."

The Director of the House for the Diffusion of Islam Sheik Mohsen Ali: said, "Argentine Muslims have welcomed the election of Argentine cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Francis) as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. He always showed himself as a friend of the Islamic community and visited the At-Tauhid Mosque located in the neighbourhood of Floresta and the Arab-Argentine Ali Ibn Abi Talib School strengthening our relations.

Preceding Christ's return, there will be a combining together of the Catholic, Charismatic, and many other churches and religious organizations.

- Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" (Matt. 7:21-23).

It should come as no surprise that the Pope would yoke himself to as many other Christian churches and religious organizations as he can since a one-world ecumenical church, with the Roman Papal Church being the head, is his ultimate-goal.

Following are Pope Francis statements concerning unity:

- a) The unity we are seeking along a common path, is the spiritual unity of prayer for one another. It is the unity of our common labour on behalf of our brothers and sisters, and all those who believe in the sovereignty of Christ.

- b) Dear brothers and sisters, division is a wound in the body of the Church of Christ, and we do not want this wound to remain open. Division is the work of the Father of lies, the Father of discord, who does everything possible to keep us divided.
- c) There is someone (referring to the devil) who knows that, despite our differences, we are one, it is he who is persecuting Christians today, and he who is anointing us with the blood of martyrdom, for he knows that Christians are disciples of Christ: that they are one, that they are brothers.”
- d) Jesus doesn't care if they are Evangelicals, Orthodox, Lutherans, Catholics or Apostolic, he doesn't care, they are Christians.” It is more like Pope Francis doesn't care, because that is the direct opposite of what the Scriptures state. It is true that the Lord Jesus Christ does not have a denomination, but it is also true we are to judge truth by the standard of the word of God, which the Pope, his bishops, priests and his clergy do not do.
- If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, (1 Tim. 6:3-4).
- e) Catholic theologians: state, there is only one God and that we all worship the same God, and generally believe, all Christians, Jews, and Muslims worship the same God, Jews and Moslems can be saved without converting to Christianity, if they love God and love their neighbour as themselves.
- f) In all humility, I join you as just another participant on this day of prayer, friendship, closeness, and reflection. In the certainty that we have one Lord: Jesus is the Lord. In the certainty that this Lord is alive: Jesus is alive, the Lord lives in each one of us. In the certainty that He has sent the Spirit, He promised us so that this 'harmony' among all His disciples might be realised. Dear brothers and sisters, I greet you warmly, with an embrace. I pray for you. I pray with you. And I ask you, please, to pray for me, because I need your prayers in, order to be faithful to what the Lord wants from my ministry. God bless you. May God bless us all. Thank you

It is easy to see, why Pope Francis is so appealing to the world and to those who do not exalt the teaching of Jesus and the Gospel above unity, believing that belonging together has a higher priority what people believe. Any prayer we might pray for the Pope should not be that he would increase in his ministry, but that he would be humbled, come to repentance, and have his eyes opened to the true teachings of Christ and his Gospel. It is almost certain that Pope Francis is a good and kind man, but, no matter how nice and kind he may seem, he is promoting religious practises and teachings contrary to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The doctrine of transubstantiation, which denies the Lord Jesus once and for all offering and teaches the bread and the wind changes into the literal blood and body of Christ more aptly fits the teachings of an occult than Christianity. Uniting all religions together under one umbrella regardless of their teachings are not the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirits idea of Christian unity.

The Roman Papal Church, under the guise of Christianity appears to the world to be a bringer of peace and good tidings, and for this reason attracts new-age televangelist charismatics like Kenneth Copeland, who gets excited when a Catholic Pope and Bishop together tell him that

Charismatics and Catholics are of the same yoke. As this world gets worse the growth of the ecumenical movement will increase, those who remain faithfully true to the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus and the apostles will have tribulations, but will be rewarded in the New World to come.

JOHN SEVENTEEN LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

Amongst the vast ministries, gifts, and talents of those leading the John seventeen movement there are:

- Highly educated men having Bachelor of Arts Degrees in philosophy; Master's Degrees in practical theology from Oral Roberts University and Masters of Divinity degrees from the Pontifical College.
- Extremely passionate men and women with a rich experience in leading teams for mission-based endeavours, including Christian organizations and private businesses, with the goal of making a difference in the world.
- Those who speak different languages who are ordained Roman Catholic priests and Bishops of the Catholic church that serve the Roman Catholic Diocese and involved in the Roman Catholic charismatic renewal movement.
- Those who work closely with the American Bible Society and alongside the largest Bible agencies in the world to accelerate the digitization of existing translations and the development of new translations and with publishing companies working for the Catholic Church in, the area of the formation of faith.
- Gifted communicators that travel the world preaching and leading worship concerts and ministers, pastors, and evangelist of Catholic, Charismatics, Anglican, Protestant, and other religions, negotiating at global conferences in the United States, France, Assisi and Rome to bring about unity amongst all religious denominations and organisations.

The focus of the global ecumenical call to unity is upon creating an active and intentional Catholic Christian Culture in the home, and building a united Christian community worldwide. The Community is committed to a three-fold ministry of worship, the reconciliation of Christians, and evangelism. It has received Pontifical right in the Catholic Church, the Vatican and the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Charismatic Communities and Fellowships and many leaders within other denominations.

The united prayer is for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, "Lord, renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost". They lead through friendship and teachings that give a strong belief that any person, no matter how ordinary one feels, can choose to do extraordinary things. The Council of the Papal Church calls all Catholics to commit to the ecumenical work for the common cause of church unity amongst all Christians and the transformation of the world.

SNAPSHOT

Though the central focus has been upon the Roman Papal Church since the Vatican is the only city in the world that visibly represents Christianity and that claims to be the Mother of all Churches worldwide, it should not

be thought that the Catholic Church is the only Church that comes under the umbrella of the title: "The Great Prostitute Woman," spoken of in the book of Revelation, since the title embraces all religious organisations, denominations and churches whether Christian or otherwise that:

- Teach doctrines contrary to the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary and the Gospel, and that salvation comes by self-effort and good works, and by adhering to holy days, ceremonial rites and keeping religious customs and traditions.
- Confess to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, but, have no inward love toward him, and are therefore hypocrites that outwardly attend to religious duties, but live a lifestyle that dishonours God and brings a bad testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith.

The entity described in the book of Revelation as, "a great prostitute woman sitting on a ten horned beast clothed in scarlet, full of abominations and blasphemous names. (Revelation chapter seventeen), will not appear to the world as a beast, but as a system of splendour and wonder that has the power to bring peace to earth and save the planet.

This is because its underlying foundation will be driven by the spirit of humanism, meaning, the well-being of mankind and the planet, but at the denial of God. The world will view the final head and counsel of this global body as the saviours of the planet.

This final global religious body and world government could be likened to the forbidden tree Eve ate of, in that the tree looked good for food, a delight to her eyes, and appeared to be a tree that was to be desired to make one wise. (Gen. 3:6). If the tree had looked evil Eve would not have been deceived, likewise if this final world beast empire and power appeared evil, the world would not be deceived or drawn to it.

It should not surprise us that the latter days ungodly beast power will appear as a kingdom of wonder and splendor since the underlying spirit influencing it will be the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:1-3). The latter days manifestation of the two-horned beast that speaks like a lamb (Rev. 13:11) (also called the false prophet) (Rev. 16:13) and the secular man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:3) will be the embodiment and final manifestation of Satan disguising himself as an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.