

Jesus

prayed for all who would believe in Him,

that **they would be one**, sanctified by the **truth**.¹

In this same night, Jesus gave His disciples three commandments: to wash one another's feet; to remember His death; and to love one another. Then He said to them **"if you love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper...the Spirit of truth."**²

Unity

In the beginning, Jesus' disciples loved one another following His example in one baptism,³ the remembrance of His death, and the washing of feet. And all drank of one Spirit, **the Spirit of truth**.⁴

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd gives
His life for the sheep.*

A
Different
Jesus⁵

Jesus instructed His disciples to **"make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."**⁶ But within 150 years, new teachings, including "Easter" and "The Lord's Day," were declared doctrines of the Church, to Emperor Marcus Aurelius (161-180 AD).⁸ The Church was no longer united by the example of Jesus and His teachings.

*He who does not enter
the sheepfold by the
door, but climbs up some
other way, the same is a
thief and a robber... I am
the door of the sheep.*

Spiritual
gifts
cease⁷

According to Eusebius "a variety of spiritual gifts continued among those worthy until the time of which I speak (Marcus Aurelius)."⁸ The evidence of the Holy Spirit, **the Spirit of truth**, was taken from the Church. In 177 AD, the Bishop of Rome wrote letters of excommunication to the churches of Asia because they disagreed on the new teachings.⁸

*But a hireling, he who is
not the shepherd...leaves
the sheep and flees, and
the wolf catches the
sheep and scatters them.*

Worship in
Spirit and
Truth⁹

Jesus said **"In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."**⁷ Today, the 2.5 million believers who keep the teachings and example of Jesus Christ as their only doctrine are the only believers who receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **the Spirit of truth**, as evidenced by the tongue emitting sound.¹⁰

*I have come that they
may have life and have it
more abundantly.*

"Sanctify them by Your truth...I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,

*They will hear My voice;
and there will be one
flock and one shepherd."*

that the world may believe that You sent Me."¹

John 10:1-16

¹ "Sanctify them by Your truth...I do not pray for these alone but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one," John 17: 17-23

² John 14: 15-16; 23 "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him."

³ "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴ "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." 1 John 2:20

⁵ "You observe days and months and seasons and years, I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain." Galatians 4:10-11, II Corinthians 11:4

⁶ Matthew 28:19, 20; "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

⁷ Matthew 15:9; "And do not be called teachers: for One is your Teacher, the Christ." Matthew 23:10; Galatians 1:8,9, Hebrews 12:2; 1 Corinthians 11:16

⁸ Eusebius, Bishop of Emperor Constantine, "The Church History," 324 AD, Book 4:26; 5:7; 5:24

⁹ "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

¹⁰ The gift of the Holy Spirit (a helper, parakletos, John 14:16,26; 15:26, 16:7) as evidenced by the tongue emitting sound, laleo glossa (Acts 10:46), "glossa" – tongue, "laleo" – emit sound, as different from a spiritual gift of "different kinds of tongues," heteros glossa (1 Corinthians 12:10)

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."**

John 3:16