

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

The continuing prayer of Jesus is a Prayer for Unity. This is more than what we think of when we think of being ONE with Someone or God. After all, how can we be one with God? Yet, that is the expressed hope of Jesus. "...so that they may all be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.

This cannot be accomplished except by the work of the Holy Spirit. Perfection does not mean without fault, or without blemish, or without sin. But it DOES mean completion. We, individually and as a human race, become the Finished product of God. We are to become what God originally meant us to be. Recall Genesis, "God made us in the image" of God's self. The image of God is the PURPOSE of our existence, not by behaving as God does, but by completing the GOODNESS, the essence of God. In this Gospel and in others, when Jesus prays for ONENESS, Jesus is reminding us human beings of our call: to "grow up", to be not just like Jesus, God and Spirit. But to "magnify" the Trinity. Wasn't that Mary's prayer? "My soul Magnifies the Lord" We cannot do this alone. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit, we become the human face of God. We, by the Grace of God, complete the presence of God on this earth, the Body of Christ. That's why Pentecost is so important: this feast completes our formation!!!!