

And if not why not. But at any rate, I don't think that you want to think about it in such a way that you cut this verse out of the Bible. The verse ~~is~~ is here and what did the verse ~~mean~~ mean? The verse, whatever it is, is stressed by Jesus in a way that means that it is important for us. That the world may believe that thou hast sent me, why because they are one. Well, are we one? How are we one. In what regard do we show our oneness.

The communion of the saints. The existence of the holy catholic church is something which is stressed here. Now is it an organism, is it an organization. Is it necessary that it be an organization as well as an organism. Is it actually an organism? Do we have that full communion with all true Christians. Which evern apart from an organization can be such that people can say that they are one. Do we have that.

I ~~had~~ heard the statment made some years ago that you could go to a busy corner in almost any city and you could stand there and you could revile Christ and you could blaspheme His name, and you ~~could~~ could say the most vile things about Christ and all that He has ~~done~~ done, and the chance of anybody interfering with ~~you~~ you would be rather slight. But that if you were to start to speak in vile language about the Methodist church or the Presbyterian church or the Baptist church it wouldn't be long before somebody would come up and punch you in the nose. Now if that is the case, ~~it~~ it at least shows that there are many ~~people~~ people to whom this verse has no reality whatever. That there are many people to whom a subordinate thing has a greater place in their mind than that which is most important in the mind of Christ. That is whatever our organizational situation, the holy catholic church, the church universal, whatever you watn to call it, the ~~body~~ body of Christ, must be far more important to us. If we are truly His. Or else we are absolutely disregarding His prayer that we may all be one. As He and the Father are one, that we may be one in Him, ~~is~~ not simply ~~that~~ that the individual Christian has a ~~relationship~~ <sup>relationship</sup> to Christ, which is very very vital, that He is in us the hope of glory ~~is~~ and we are in Him, but that we are one in Him in some way. It is something that we need to think about and we need to think through.