

## Precis of Rev Das Sydney's sermon July 7, 2019

Reverend Sydney's sermon on "Vision and Unity" is based on John 17:20- 23 in which Jesus prays "May they be one, even as you Father and I are one!". Unfortunately, church history gives us many examples of Christians at odds with other Christians over practices such as baptism or communion. But these rites do not define us as Christians. Rather, Jesus prays for unity within the church just as there is unity in the Godhead. Unity is possible in the Godhead through the love that the members of the Trinity share. Unfortunately, the issues that have caused strife between various factions within the church have caused many people to leave the church. We need to seek an answer to Jesus' prayer and strive to be one in our faith communities and in our local churches or wherever we have influence.