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5 - SOSJ Ecclesia de Eucharistic – Chapter 4 Saturday, April 20, 2024

John 17: 20-24

[In the presence of his apostles, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,]

“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

Questions

1. If you are ever in the state of mortal sin, how do you think God thinks of you? What does he see when he looks at you? Does he see more than one thing? Does he see only your sin, or does he see something more?
2. Why is it important to maintain an active connection to your local parish, specifically by worshipping God at Mass every weekend? Why isn't it enough to simply pray at home by yourself and live a virtuous and holy life on your own?
3. Why is it important to maintain union with and obedience to your local bishop? Why can't you worship God in your parish without being obedient to your bishop when you have a priest that can give you the Eucharist all by himself? What more to the Christian life is there when you already have the Eucharist and the other sacraments? Why be obedient to a bishop if you judge that he isn't the most effective leader or doesn't seem to be a holy person?
4. Why is it important to maintain union with the Pope and obey what he legitimately teaches or decides? Why is this important to do even if you think the Pope is not as holy as he should be or as effective a leader as he should be?