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EDITORIAL

We open the month of July with questions, from arts, culture and religion. A lot of changes have taken place since the lockdown began. The economy is opening up bit by bit. People have been adapting to the lockdown in different ways. Lockdown measures are being relaxed in what seems to be the opening up of the economy. Such is the situation worldwide.

Serious questions have appeared as we drift into through the winter season. In the entertainment sector, Tinopona Katsande's name is dragged into a death case involving drugs. What does the celebrity have to say on the allegations of drug abuse? Still on the women's side we question what is a black woman? We offer and give stereotypes of a black woman. The entertainment sector also offers an insight of how the diaspora feel about being away from home. Which is better home or diaspora?

In Religion, we question the Supreme being GOD. Does God appear in two different forms? We have fought and lost a battle against the devil. Are we going to lose again. Get prepared for to learn how to fight the devil. What can we also learn about the prayer through Jesus? You get to learn about all this in the latest Enthuse'd edition.

Do not also forget about the updates in Zimbabwe's financial sector. The biggest question here is "Are we going back to dollarisation?" We also given an update on corruption investigations as well as on the business sector rejecting local currency for the USD

All this is found in the latest Enthuse'd publication. Writers bring in incites of what has been taking place in Zimbabwe, from religion, business, and arts. The publication also gives lessons one can learn from Africa's own greatest entrepreneurs. It is the hope of contributors to this publication that everyone will benefit from the articles given.

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BLACK WOMEN: I AM, SHE IS, WE ARE

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The Jezebel

This trope refers to the hypersexualization of the Black woman, which has been occurring since the beginning of the slavery and colonialism era. White men justified raping Black women by deeming them insatiable. An example is the life of Sara Baartman, who was taken from South Africa to Europe to be exhibited as a sexual curiosity in a freakshow – to be groped, gawked at, and abused because of her Khoikhoi features



SARA BAARTMAN : SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY



SOURCE: UNSPLASH

Despite carrying this society on our backs, black women have been treated as lesser beings. Aggressive, illogical, ill-tempered, overbearing, hostile, confrontational- angry – are some of the recurrent words used to label us.

The late human rights activist Malcolm X famously said the most disrespected, unprotected, and neglected person is the Black woman. No truer words have been spoken: his words resonate with the impertinence Black women face in modern-day society.

The truth is, I am angry and I will continue to be angry, hostile, and confrontational if I have to. Black women are angry because we are placed in the pits of this hierarchical society – and we have had enough.

Misogynoir

a term derived from misogyny to speak to the sexism and racism Black women face, resulting in intersecting forms of oppression – is something quite rampant in this community. The Black woman is divided into four **stereotypes**.



The Sassy Black Woman

This stereotype depicts Black women as...well, ghetto. Loud, gum-smacking, neck rolling, ratchet women. You've seen this Black woman in about every movie ever. You know damn well what I'm talking about.

The Angry Black Woman

Black women are portrayed as angry and hysterical. This trope leads people to automatically believe the Black woman is scary and intimidating. It also invalidates the very much valid and justified anger felt by Black women. It's bad enough that we face racism, now add demonization, disrespect, and dehumanization to the list. You'd be angry too.

The Strong Black Woman

Yes, the Black woman can do it all. Cook, clean, nurture and save the world without a single complaint. We've seen this woman before, on-screen, or in our daily lives. We get that she is strong, but the idea of her not having feelings is wack. It's unrealistic, toxic, and unhealthy because that ideal does not exist. This has caused the physical, mental, and emotional exploitation of Black women.

The four stereotypes above imply that Black women are not human. Just puppets who take the brunt of this society's worst behaviour. It's disgusting

The Role of Colourism

There is a need to humble Black women, especially our darker-skinned sisters. For many deep-rooted reasons, Africa has normalized skin bleaching because dark-skinned have periodically been made to feel ugly and small- as if their rich melanated skin is shameful.

Far too many Black folks who aren't dark-skinned don't acknowledge that even though we all face racism and other social struggles, darker-skinned women endure far much worse. We are all black, but it's imperative to acknowledge that we aren't all received the same way by the world.

The Black Man hates The Black Woman

“Women are socialized to accept their inferior status in society and their subordination to men.”
- Maundeni

They hate to see black women and girls in general. So many young girls and women have lost their lives due to the rampant sense of entitlement Black men have. It's gender role culture that people refuse to unlearn that leads to men feeling – for lack of a better term – **bold enough to be the violent, deplorable creatures they are...**





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MY TWO GODS

By Valerie T. Chatindo /Hallelujahmag.com

I got saved at a really young age. I was 8. Through these beautiful people called Jehovah's Witnesses, I was introduced to Jesus Christ. I was told He loved me and He died for me.

After that me and God were inseparable. I'd look up to the stars and imagine the Big Guy smiling down on me. I remember praying to see a shooting star once, I didn't see one for years but I'd ask and ask till one day it happened like magic. The biggest most beautiful shooting star I've seen to date.

Now, whenever I look up at that sky I see shooting stars all the time and I know who's behind it and why. It's like a secret and a sacrament of love; a reminder that I'm loved and that there is a man up there who will give me the stars and sun if I asked.

Life was simple, faith was simple.v Unfortunately, I grew up. Religion came and started to tell me that the man I loved, wanted...no, demanded obedience and perfection. If I didn't do what He wanted, He'd make me pay.

And pay I did. All of a sudden I knew two sides to this God. I have two names for Him. Angry God and Nice God and I don't know which one is the true God or if God's schizophrenic.

Angry God



IMAGE SOURCE: PINTEREST

Now, let me tell you about A.G as I call Him. He's a scary guy and yet there is no escaping Him. A.G has made me miserable, caused me to end relationships with people and made me pray and fast even when my heart hasn't been in it. A.G is good at using fear to get me to do what He wants.

He'll convince me that certain people are bad and that if I don't cut them off, they'll deter me from my destiny. If I don't always pray Satan will pounce on me like a Bengal tiger and that if I don't obey His every instruction, it won't end well for me.

Make no mistake, A.G knows when I'm slacking and He's always there to whisper in my ear that my impending doom is near. I hate A.G. I really do. You see Angry God isn't the God I know by experience. He's a man made God, a God molded by the opinions and traditions of man.

He's the God who unleashed snakes on the Israelites, sent them into slavery and promises to cut every unfruitful tree from His vine then throw them into the fire.

It's all about crime and punishment with Him.



Nice God



IMAGE SOURCE: PINTEREST

Even writing about Nice God brings a smile to my face. Nice God is.....well...nice.

Nice God is a God of unconditional love. He says in Jeremiah 31 vs 3 that His love for us is everlasting. He says that He chose us from before the foundation of the world was laid (imagine that).

That means He knows us, our weaknesses our mistakes and yet still loves us.

And when I passed by again, I saw that you were old enough for love. So I wrapped my cloak around you to cover your nakedness and declared my marriage vows. I made a covenant with you, says the Sovereign Lord, and you became mine Ezekiel 16vs8

Whenever I read the Bible I see it as a love story between a man and this woman named Israel.

Yes, she betrayed Him countless of times and yes He became angry but nomatter what...He took her back. And in the end He went as far as dying for her.

God died for you and me. He knows we are imperfect, He knows we are weak, we can never reach His calibre of perfection and so He has done it for us. I don't know about you but Nice God sounds like the God I'd rather serve.

As for A.G, I'm taking a chance and betting that maybe He isn't really the true representation of God afterall. The Word tells me that perfect love casts out fear and since A.G is all about fear and yet God is love. How can they be the same person?

Yes, there are many scriptures people quote to scare and intimidate us. But hey, even Satan quoted scripture so I'm assuming you can find a scripture to back up any point.

Yet I know the Bible is supposed to bring me peace and cultivate love and joy. Meaning if it becomes a medium of pain and fear it hasn't served its purpose.

God is love. His word teaches how to give and receive love. If it is not bringing you joy and peace then it has been reduced to mere mortal words of manipulation.

Question:

If a person does 999 good deeds and 1 seemingly bad thing, is that person bad? Do we focus on the 1 seemingly bad thing or the 999 amazing good things?

I don't know about you but I prefer to focus on what builds and cultivates love. Yes God punished people here and there but He also created this beautiful planet...





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GET IN TOUCH

Six Hundred Cases Investigated In Fighting Corruption in 2019: ZIMRA

FAITH MAZANI/NEWZIMBABWE.COM

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

A presentation by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) Commissioner-General Faith Mazani at an annual general meeting, states that 601 cases were investigated in 2019 in plugging revenue leakages in the country.

A total of \$153.78 million was identified for recovery and the recovery is still going on according to the presentation by Mazani.

The taxman that uses Monetary and Laundering and Proceeds of Crime Act to seize and attach properties acquired through fraudulent means, won the first 'historic' asset forfeiture case in the second quarter of 2020.

A former ZIMRA revenue officer Kennedy Nyatoti, this year had a US\$150 000 mansion and a US\$10 000 car forfeited to the state after failing to explain how such proper was afforded.

Special Post Clearance Audit on imported Luxury Motor Vehicles was carried out in 2019 according to Mazani's presentation.

This ended up with 485 vehicles with irregular import documents unearthed and investigations and recoveries are ongoing.

Such irregularities in import documents have potential prejudice valued at US\$70 million.

Towards the end of 2019, ZIMRA's loss control department is said to have detected a scam where car dealers understated their vehicle value on importing into Zimbabwe.

ZIMRA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) in a partnership to combat corruption.

The authority, last year, collected net revenue of \$23.19 billion against the target of \$18.6 billion.



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MY FRIEND BECKY HAD SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND SUFFERED FROM SEVERE DEPRESSION AT THE WHICH VERY FEW PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT.

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TINOPONA KATSANDE

WHAT DOES TIN TIN HAVE TO SAY FOR HERSELF?

ACTRESS PENS OPEN LETTER ON THE DEATH OF BECKY

Press Statement/Enthusemag.com

It is with pain that I, Tinopona Katsande, write this open presser to clear the air on events surrounding the death my dear friend and confidant, Rebecca Chinyerere (Becky). May the truth I narrate clear my name against all the mudslinging that followed her death.

On the night of Tuesday 23 June 2020 my friend Becky collapsed in my bathroom at my house in Avondale and was pronounced dead on arrival at Kensington 24 hour medical emergency Clinic. She was laid to rest in Guruve on Sunday 28th June. May her dear soul rest in peace.

My friend Becky had serious medical problems and suffered from severe depression at the which very few people knew about. Only a week before her death she had collapsed while staying at their family home (where she was residing with her brother in Belvedere) and was treated at Parerenyatwa hospital. She had been fighting a drug addiction problem exacerbated by traumatic family relationships and depression. To my knowledge, she had abstained from drug intake for some time and was on a recovery path.

Becky contacted me and asked if she could visit for a couple of days with her two kids aged 13 and 3, to get some relief from the family stresses. I went to pick up Becky with the full agreement of her brother. We had so much fun during those two days.

On the 2nd day of her visit, Becky was taking a shower in my bathroom upstairs. I sent the kids (my 4-year-old and Becky's 3-year-old) to get some vaseline from her.

They found Becky collapsed in the shower and raised an alarm. I then went upstairs to see what was happening, and to my horror what the children were shouting about was indeed true.

I can never forget the events that followed and that just seems like a long nightmare:

- I took Becky by taxi to Kensington 24 hour emergency centre where the attending doctor pronounced her dead while she was still in the taxi together with Becky's two children.
- We were referred to Parerenyatwa hospital where we waited for 45 minutes in the taxi because COVID-19 protective equipment was still being awaited. With Becky's phone having already died the only way to inform her brother was to drive with the corpse and the children to Belvedere. The brother refused to assist, or even to have his wife accompany us back to Pare.
- Back at Parerenyatwa we finally got the assistance of the doctor and the police post. It was only then that the police spoke to Becky's brother who finally came over for the statements to be completed. The body was taken to the funeral parlour

Contrary to what the media is saying, there were no drugs involved at my house or during the time of her stay with me. A search in my home by 10 police officers found none. The autopsy report states that Becky had an enlarged heart approximately six times the normal size.



I FIND IT DISTURBING THAT SO MANY ARE NOW COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORKS, CLAIMING TO KNOW AND LOVE AND RAISE MONEY FOR BECKY IN HER DEATH YET WERE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN WHEN IN LIFE SHE MOST NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, LOVE AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL CARE.

I am so very angry and totally disgusted at how the tabloid media rushed to publish falsehoods without verifying the facts just because the name Tinopona Katsande can help them sell papers.

Finally, I am appalled at how Becky's family would try "kundipomera mhosva". I am at total peace with my God and with my friend's spirit. I'm at peace that my friend spent her last day on this earth in an environment she felt loved unconditionally, where we laughed, ate, danced and sang with our kids. I gave my Becky a place she and her two boys could just relax and be happy even if only for that brief moment.

I would like to thank the taxi driver who assisted me throughout this ordeal on the night. To my family who represented me throughout Becky's funeral and who have been standing with me from across the globe I am so grateful, yet again you have proved what it really means to be family. Thank you, guys....



And to the family that I have made along the way in my life's journey, my real friends –“Handina kana nemashoko ekukutendai”. You, my friends, are an immeasurable blessing. Indeed God sent me my fighting angels through you. I love you so [much]. It is well.

To Becky's 3 children, you are not alone ever vana vangu. Nyika inga tarura zvakawanda as it always has, but you know I was your mum then, I am your mum now and I will be your mum forever. You know My heart and home are forever open to you.

And to you my dear friend Becky, I am devastated that you have left me. But even though I am still distraught I have gathered this little strength to be “that voice” you always said you most admired about me. You always said that I was a strong woman who stands for those that can't stand for themselves. The time to tell that truth had to be now or never.

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USD ALLOWANCES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS SIGNALING ZIMBABWE'S PATH TO RE-DOLLARISATION: CZI

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI), in a Foreign Currency Auction Policy Response Paper says the announcement of USD based civil service allowances sends a signal that the authorities are on a path of re-dollarisation.

Finance Ministry announced that all civil servants will be paid a flat, non-taxable Covid19 allowance of USD75 per month after nurses demonstrated in Harare last week.

The CZI paper commenting on the USD allowances to civil servants went on to say that trade unions and the private sector will call for USD salaries further adding to re-dollarisation momentum.

“GOVERNMENT MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REVERSE THE USD COVID19 ALLOWANCES,”

reads the paper.

The USD allowances for civil servants will be paid in into local FCA accounts. Following this, the CZI paper says there is only value to the allowances if the foreign currency can be either withdrawn or converted at the market exchange rate.

“THE USD 75 ALLOWANCE WILL CUSHION CIVIL SERVANTS AND GIVE THEM INCOME STABILITY IF THE MONEY IS NOT AN ELECTRONIC GIMMICK.”
READS THE PAPER.

“The USD allowances will create USD local demand which had collapsed due to inflation and national lockdown.”

Besides being a signal to re-dollarisation, CZI also says government sources of revenue have been affected by covid19, hence the move to pay workers in USD may not be sustainable.

“The payment of COVID19 allowance in USD must be backed by real Nostro balances in Treasury accounts in order to avoid the creation of fictitious USD balances like what happened when we adopted the 1:1 policy in 2016,” the response paper reads.

“Ideally, Nostros have to be true, that is held by individual banks on behalf of clients abroad and not locally.”

LIVING "KUCHANDO" VS HOME

By Ropafadzo Chiduwa/Enthusemag.com

I moved to Japan from Zimbabwe in February this year and it has been the biggest move of my life so far. Considering all the ups and downs happening in our beloved country, I often hear remarks like:

"You are lucky you got a chance to get out"

There is truth to that; I can't stress enough how good it feels to be in a place where things function. You can follow your passion and still earn a good living from it. The list could go on forever but I'm sure you get the idea.

So how is it really like living "kuchando" as it's affectionately known back home?

It's great. For starters, it took me a while to get used to the idea of electricity not going and having constant running water. I was lucky enough to live in the City of Kings for two years in Zimbabwe and because I lived close to a hospital, we had running water and electricity most days.

Yet, whenever I went home to Harare, it was a nightmare as we barely had electricity and about two days of water in a week.

If you live in Zimbabwe, you know how frustrating that was, so a change of scenery was refreshing.

Of course, I moved to **secure the bag** (getting money) and it feels good getting paid my worth and affording basics. There is nothing worse than working hard and not being appreciated for it in deserved monetary value. Words are magnificent and all, but we need something tangible of value to pay the bills with.

So yes, **getting paid felt superb**. I mean this is the first time in a long time that I haven't stressed over money issues. We all just want that in all honesty, to be able to buy delicate things, basic foods, and daily products. It was getting harder to do at home.

There is also an efficient transport system. I have only ever been delayed because of weather problems. The wind was too strong for trains to move safely, so most were either cancelled or delayed. The price setting is the same and you can plan efficiently for your journey and even in advance for the month by using bus passes and so on

It might not be an important factor for some, but for me being able to rely on public transportation means a lot. I have considered getting a car, but it feels more like an inconvenience than anything else.

There is a lot more that I haven't touched on, like cleanliness and safety are a story for another day.

"That being the case and with all the goodness, you still miss a lot about home..."

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GET BEHIND THEE SATAN!

By Valerie T. Chatindo /Hallelujahmag.com

Welcome to the United Fighting Championships! Our main event of the day is between two of our well-known fighters.

Now on one side we have.. yes you know him. Satan...weighing in at 500 pounds, he defeated your finances, family, peace, and life in the last championship attaining the title of Heavy Weight Champion. He comes to steal, kill and destroy. Look at him flexing those pecs, impressive right?

Now on the other side we have.....yes you guessed right. ...you. You lost the championship title last year in all categories of life (wait is that booing in the crowd). Some even believed you had taken a hint and finally given up, I mean how can anyone suck this much and still keep coming back?

Yet here you are, ready for another whooping. Ladies and gentleman, I present to you.....The Fight Of Your Life.

Of course, the stage of life is less dramatic and graphic however the logic remains the same.

Life Is A Fight

Life is a fight, my good people. A fight you will have to engage in sooner or later.

You know those people who just have everything going for them, never have

problems, pray here and there and give lots of money and life just flows? They are called movie characters. If no-one ever told you, I am telling you now.

Everyone has battles, and you just don't know it because we all present a front to the world (me included). You look at Instagram posts by your old classmates and think 'Man, he got it made'. You do not know what goes on in their lives so stop delusionalizing yourself. Sorry to sound harsh but just stop it.

Listen, the Word of God says that the sun shines on the righteous and wicked alike and unforeseen events overtake us all. Stop believing that only Christians suffer or that if you're a real real Christian you won't have problems. Everyone has battles.

Now, the amazing thing is as a child of God you have a better way of dealing with things because guess what 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood'. Which brings me to my next point.

Battles Are Spiritual

Trust me, I know we have negative associations with the term. Too many people have been deceived by people who want to deliver them from 'spiritual battles'. We all know Christians who break out in tongues all day (I have nothing against this wonderful gift by the way), label everything as being of the devil (they said that about Facebook now they're host live services on it), and live an otherworldly life. No make-up, no dates, no money, no fun, no fiction...nada.

I'm sorry if those people tried to monopolise your idea of spirituality love, it's a diverse world and we approach it differently. They told you you were carnal, right? It's ok.



They were wrong so let's leave them to their carnal selves because carnality has nothing to do with the physical realm but it's a state of mind (* spoiler alert-if you go around seeing the flaws in other Christians and know everything you're most likely carnal*)

Don't let the misrepresentation of something ruin your perception of it. The same snakes that scourged the Israelites were raised to heal them. Don't conclude about a matter so quickly.

Spirituality is real because we are spiritual beings. Your stomach doesn't cease to exist just because you don't see it. It's there ok, it's there.

Your enemy is also a spiritual being like you and me but because you find expression in a physical realm he uses physical events and situations to fight your spirit. Its a battle of spirits.

Satan Isn't Your Friend

Your biggest hater goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He isn't going to give you a break and be like, 'I think I've done enough'.

He isn't going to feel bad and wipe your tears. He hates you, OK!. He won't rest till you're either dead or alive but wishing you're dead anyway. It's nothing personal, if he can't get to you, he'll simply go to the next person.

You will have your life ruined if you keep entertaining the devil. I've watched Christians lose their finances and families while they remained passive and said 'Oh well, that's life" or "If God wants to help me, He will".

I say, 'You are gods; you are all children of the Most High.7 But you will die like mere mortals and fall like every other ruler Psalm 82 vs 6-7

God created independent strong mini-Hims. Yes, He wants you to be independent, you wash yourself, dress yourself, choose to sin by yourself right?

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That's called independence and God afforded it to everyone. Of course, the battles of life are greater than us and Satan has been around longer than we have. The great thing is we involve God when we leverage prayer, boldness and faith. Seek and ye shall find.

Scripture:

We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments

2 Corinthians 10 vs 4-5

In God, you can win. You can look at that misbehaving fox and say as one of my favourite preachers on this topic, Bishop David Oyedepo says "SATAN, GET LOST!"





Ulenni's New Song "Can I Take You Out" is A Hedonistic Reminder of Life Outside

By Chris Charamba/ enthusemag.com

Once upon a time, the outside world was a thing. Folks could go out to movie houses, terrace restaurants, bae holidays, Unplugged, Cookouts, First Fridays, loud music gigs, discotheques and social gatherings.

Then 2020 came with the whirlwind that is "Rona" and the world was abruptly interrupted. All the fun stuff we used to do, like travelling, is no more. Most people are stuck at their houses doing the same sh*t repeatedly. All we are left with are just memories of the good ole' days.

Multi-disciplinary artist Ulenni Okandlovu aka Brother Matabele's new single hedonistically and nostalgically reminds us of all that splendid stuff we cannot do now under the COVID-19 lockdown regulations: travel around Zimbabwe, go out partying and exploring our beautiful country.

Invitingly entitled "Can I Take You Out", the song is all about adventures and it announces itself with punchy kick drums, shimmering synths, shuffling Kwaito groove, whispered vocals, and a deep, rumbling and hypnotic bass. Ulenni said the sound seeks to take the listeners' imagination back to the old days

and straight to the future, while its message takes them around Zimbabwe in a tourist spirit and vibe.

Though Brother Matabele is yet to get some love from mainstream media outlets, he's been in the music game for a cool couple of years now, flying under the radar while popping up on collaborations and guest appearances.

He is the co-founder and lead vocalist for **BANTU SPACESHIPS**, an experimental music duo which has been slowly smouldering on Zimbabwe's alternative music scene.

In his capacity as a solo artist, Ulenni has also collaborated on two alt-rap tracks CAVA & Lento ilit. In 2017, he collaborated on a project with a Polish DJ/Producer (DJ SICK) and dropped the soundtrack NkanyeziYami under Pierogi Records.

A potential saviour of the inconspicuous alternative music and the dying Kwaito music, it is exasperating that he's making music in an era that doesn't value that so much. And because he is a multidisciplinary creative who doesn't necessarily comport or confine himself as a mere musician...

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NOTES FROM JESUS' PRAYER FOR BELIEVERS & HOW IT REMINDS US OF HIS HUMANITY

By Stephanie Kapfunde/Hallelujahmag.com

In John 17 verse 1 to 26 Jesus lift up his face and begins to speak directly to God and makes a declaration that sets the stage of how we relate to one another as believers. I'll share a few thoughts from that today.

Safety & Protection

First, on the list on Jesus Christ's prayer for us believers is protection. In verse 11 he asks that God the Father protects us by the power of his name from the evil one. In times such as these, we are reminded how timeless this prayer was.

Who was Christ praying for?

The short answer is;

” THOSE WHO
ACKNOWLEDGED HIS
DEATH. ”

It's important to note that Christ made it clear that he was not praying for just anyone but for those who love the Lord that is to say those who claim the Lord as their Savior. Another reminder of the significance of the cross and how it adopts us into full communion with the Lord. Speaking of which...

To be ONE in the body of Christ

The second powerful prayer from Christ in John is that believers become one just as Christ and the Father. In verse 20 he says his prayer is not for us to be alone but that all those that believe in him maybe one.

When we are saved, Christ is within us so that we may be brought to complete unity as the church; note that I didn't say denomination.

To be in God's Presence

This might have been the most powerful and yet relatable part of the prayer from Christ. In verse 24 he says;

” Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 1
John 17 vs 24 NIV ”

Here Christ reminds us who He truly is, God's first son and true to the nature of an heir. He knows the value and necessity of the sacrifice he is to make and does not want it to be in vain.

Sanctify the Church

Christ prayed that the Lord should sanctify His church but not in any ordinary way but; by the truth of his word.

Christ went as far as to declare that he himself needed to be truly sanctified.

Christ wanted us to remember His sacrifice for our own good

Christ truly wanted to pour his life and his death into God's children. In verses 25 -26 he pleads with God the father rather emotionally and passionately.



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John 17:25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”



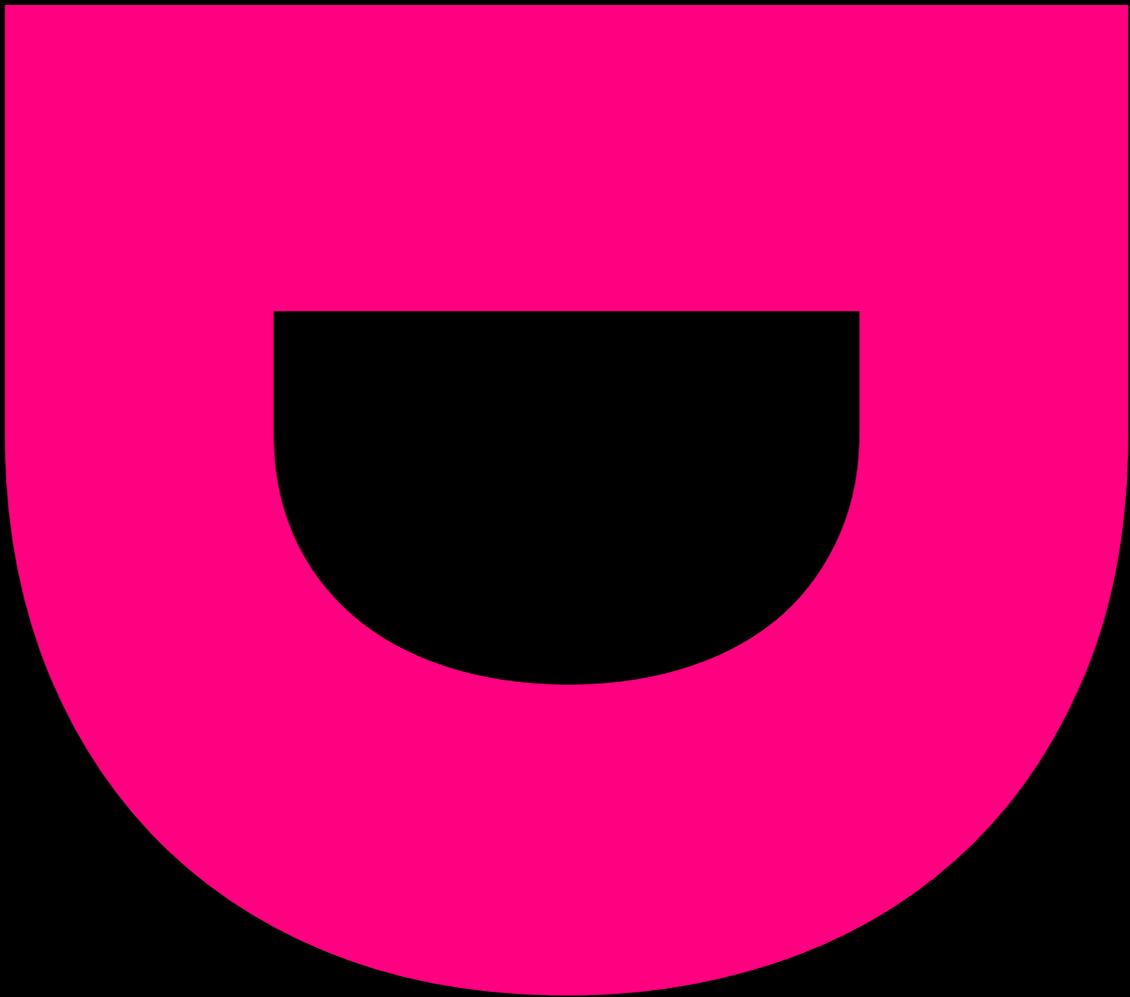
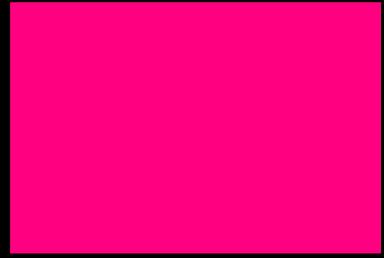
The human elements of Christ at this point are hard to miss. Not only did He not want his death forgotten because due to its power and symbolism for humanity but Christ ends His prayer by holding God to his word and his promise.

Yes! Even Jesus Christ himself held his father accountable to His word. The Lord made a promise to Christ and this promise is our reality. Christ who was is and was a symbol of sacrifice is right now seated on the right hand of God and shares in His glory. Because of this, Christ is a symbol of God's faithfulness.

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