

# February 16, 2020 Longing for Redemption

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Ezra 3

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I. We must seek unity (v.1)

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Matt 16:18

I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. John 17:11

II. We must walk in obedience (vv. 2-6a)

"Be on your guard, so that your minds are not dulled from carousing, drunkenness, and worries of life, or that day will come on you unexpectedly." Luke 21:34

III. We must work to advance God's kingdom (vv. 6b-11)

"It is our duty and our privilege to exhaust our lives for Jesus."

-Charles Spurgeon

IV. We must endure discontentment (vv. 12-13)

"Our life-long nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation." -C.S. Lewis

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