

The God-Given Basis For Unity

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 82

Ephesians 4:4-6

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Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, ² with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ doing *your* utmost to keep the unity

provided by the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ one body, and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one immersion, ^{1 6} one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [Eph. 4:1-6 DJP]

Introduction:

I. The Realities of the _____ (v. 4)

A. One _____

1. Where Paul met this truth (Acts ____:4-5)
2. Four guiding facts:
 - a. The *church* and Christ's *body* are the _____ (Colossians ____:24)
 - b. Each *local church* is related to Christ's *one* _____ (1 Corinthians ____:27)
 - c. We *join* that one body by _____ with the Spirit (1 Corinthians ____:13)
 - d. That *one body*, meeting in *many places in many local churches*, has only one _____ (Eph. ____:22-23)
3. Applications for unity

B. One _____

1. This is...
2. Mentioned first because
 - a. Baptism with the Spirit is how we _____ the one body (1 Corinthians ____:13)
 - b. We are _____ in Christ by Him (Ephesians ____:13)
 - c. We _____ *the Father* together through Him (Ephesians ____:18)
 - d. God _____ us all through Him (Ephesians ____:22)
3. Applications for unity

C. One _____

1. Defined:
2. Described:
 - a. _____ is the object of this hope (Ephesians 1:12)
 - b. God's effectual _____ makes this hope ours (Ephesians ____:18)
 - c. This hope focuses on our shared _____ in Christ (Ephesians ____:10)

¹ Traditionally rendered *baptism*.

3. Applications for unity

II. The Realities of the ____ (v. 5)

A. One _____

1. The truth
 - a. Of many so-called “lords,” we confess Jesus _____ (1 Cor. ____:5–6)
 - b. Confessing Jesus as Lord is _____ to Christian faith (Rom. 10:9)
 - c. To confess Him as Lord is to pledge to _____ (Luke 6:46)
2. Applications for unity

B. One _____

1. Possible meanings
2. What Paul means here:
 - a. Important examples
 - i. Ephesians ____:13
 - ii. 1 Timothy ____:1
 - iii. Jude ____
 - b. Important point:
3. Applications for unity

C. One Immersion

1. Possible meanings
2. Paul’s meaning:
3. Key texts
 - a. Mark ____:7–8
 - b. 1 Corinthians ____:13
4. Applications for unity

III. The Realities of the _____ (v. 6)

A. One God and Father of *All*

1. Meaning
2. Applications for unity

B. ...Who Is...

1. _____ all...
2. ...and _____ all
3. ...and _____ all