

**BIBLE  
PLATFORM FOR  
UNITY**

# Unity Involves

- Right attitude:
  - Lowliness – humility
  - Gentleness – meekness
  - Longsuffering – slowness in avenging wrong; not quick-tempered
  - Bearing with one another – forbearing; enduring insult and injury
  - Endeavor – to make haste, to be zealous, to be diligent (Vine)
- The Truth
  - “Unity of the Spirit”
  - “There is one....”
- Keep, Practice, Stand for, Defend

# THE SEVEN ONES

- The platform for unity of the saints
- Seven planks in the platform
- Each is truth
- Each is consistent with the other
- Not just A platform for unity, but THE platform for unity
- Unity of the Spirit: We don't create it. We keep it.

# ONE Body

- Ephesians 1:22-23
  - The church
- All reconciled in one body through the cross
  - Ephesians 2:14-16
- Built upon foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone
  - Ephesians 2:19-22
- Jesus
  - Head of the Body – Ephesians 1:22, 5:23
  - Savior of the Body – Ephesians 5:24
- Household of God – Ephesians 2:19, 3:15
- Holy Temple – Ephesians 2:21
- Kingdom – Ephesians 5:5

# ONE Body

- Units of the one body are
  - Fellow citizens – 2:19
  - Saints – 2:19
  - Members – 2:19, 5:30
  - Fellow heirs – 3:6
  - Children (of light) – 5:1, 8
  - Brethren – 6:10
- He intended to accomplish through His Son
  - Ephesians 3:8-11
- To God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus
  - Ephesians 3:20

**Ephesians 4:4-6**

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# ONE Spirit

- Not an “it”, not a “force”
- The Holy Spirit
  - Gen 1:1, 2, 26
- Ephesians 3:5 – revealed the mystery
- Ephesians 1:13-14 – reveals **the promise of our inheritance** through the gospel
- Ephesians 2:18 – access by one Spirit to the Father
- Ephesians 5:9 – fruit of the Spirit

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# ONE Hope

- Ephesians 1:11, 14, 18
  - 1 Peter 1:4-5
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14 – called by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Colossians 1:5 – the hope which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel
- Titus 2:11-14
- 1 Corinthians 15:19

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# ONE Lord

- 25 times in this letter
- Ephesians 1:2
  - Acts 2:37
- Romans 10:12
- Lord means Master
- Authority
- Ephesians 5:8-10
  - “acceptable”
- Obedience
  - Matthew 7:21-25



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# ONE Faith

- “Faith” can be
  - Personal faith – Ephesians 1:15
  - Faithfulness in duties – Luke 16:10
- But here, ONE Faith is THE FAITH
  - Galatians 1:8, 23
  - Jude 3
  - Ephesians 4:13-15
  - 5:17 – the will of the Lord
  - 5:26 – the Word
  - 6:14 – truth
  - 6:15 – gospel of peace
  - 6:17 – sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

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# ONE Baptism

- Baptism of John? No – Acts 19
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit? No – Acts 1, 2
- Baptism in the name of Jesus, commanded by Jesus to his apostles to be taught to the whole world
  - Acts 19:5; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
- In Water
  - Acts 8:36; 10:47-48
- For subjects who have heard, believed, repented, and confessed
  - Acts 2:38; Acts 8:37
- For remission of sins
  - Acts 2:38; 22:16
  - Ephesians 5:26 – for cleansing and sanctification
  - 1 Corinthians 12:13 – entrance into the body!
- Galatians 3:26-27

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# ONE God and Father

- Deuteronomy 6:4
- God – 34 times in Ephesians
- “who is above all, through all, and in you all”
  - Above all – supreme
  - Through Him all things are
  - He dwells in His children, His saints
- Ephesians 3:14 – the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Ephesians 3:9 – created all things through Jesus Christ
- Source of all spiritual blessings – 1:3; 2:4
- Grace & peace – 1:2 .... Wrath for the disobedient – 5:6

# Far Reaching Impacts of Each ONE

- The point is NOT that there is just ONE
  - “Let’s just agree there is one”
- The same Spirit who instructs me that there is ONE body, for example, instructs me about the attributes of that ONE body
- “ONE Abraham Lincoln”
  - For you – 16<sup>th</sup> President
  - For me – 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Republic of Texas
  - That’s not ONE!
  - History will tell us who Abraham Lincoln was
  - Commitment to the truth of who he is, not just that there is ONE!

Keep the unity of the Spirit: teach and practice the truths about that ONE body, Spirit, etc.

# New Testament Teaches Us to Teach and Practice the Same Things

- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- How?
  - 1 Corinthians 4:6
- Titus 2:15
  - Titus 2:1
- 1 Timothy 1:3
- 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:2; 2:14-16; 3:10, 14, 16-17; 4:2
- 1 Corinthians 7:17
- 1 Corinthians 4:17
- 1 Corinthians 14:37

# SEVEN ONES – THE BASIS OF UNITY

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