ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:1-6

- The unity of the Spirit not created by us, but what is revealed is to be kept by us
- The keeping of the unity of the Spirit not just about believing that there are seven ONES
 - Must also believe and practice the truth of that one
 - How can you separate the truth of there being one from the truths about the one?
- One Spirit revealed not only ONE but the truth of the ONE

Endeavoring to Keep

- Right attitude, yes, but also...
- "Endeavoring"
 - Vine: "hasten to do a thing, to exert oneself, endeavor, give diligence"
 - Same word used here also:
 - Galatians 2:10 eager
 - 2 Timothy 2:15 study (KJV); be diligent
 - Hebrews 4:11 labor
 - NIV: "making every effort"
- Involves: Diligent effort, exertion, work

Endeavoring to Keep

- 1 Timothy 1:3-4 Reject some things
- I Timothy 4:6, 13, 16 Instruct, give attention to, continue in
- 1 Timothy 6:3-5 Withdraw yourself
- 1 Timothy 6:20 Guard
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14 Hold fast sound words; keep
- 2 Timothy 2:2 Teach faithful men the same so they may teach others the same
- 2 Timothy 2:14-18 Give diligence to rightly divide the word of truth

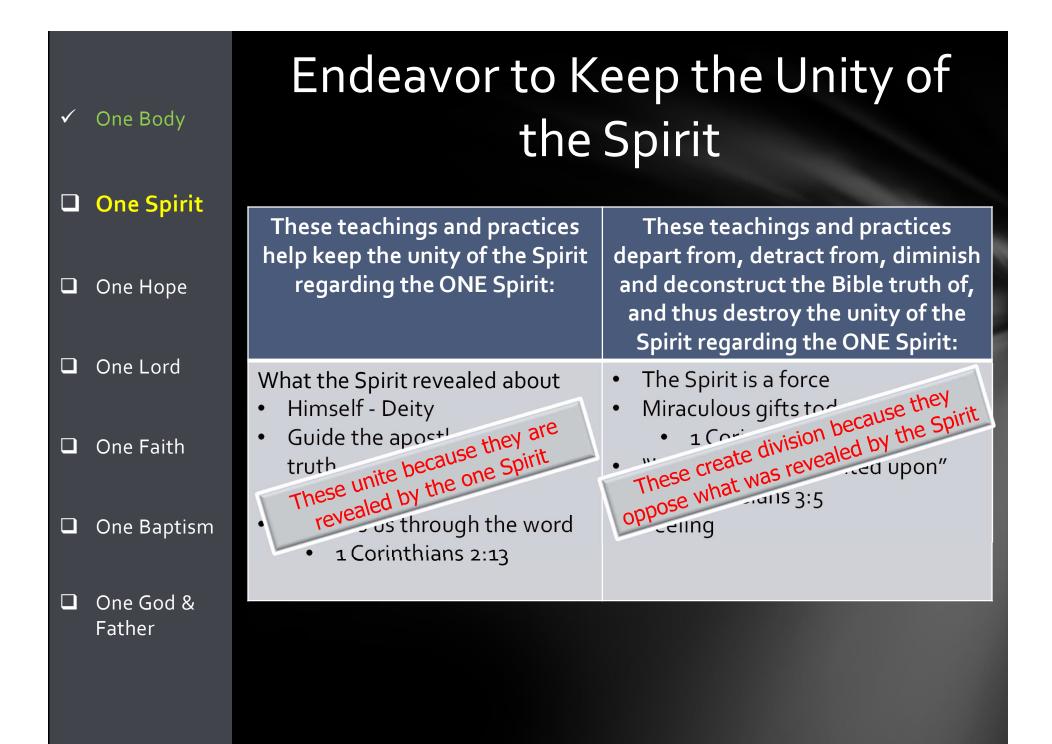
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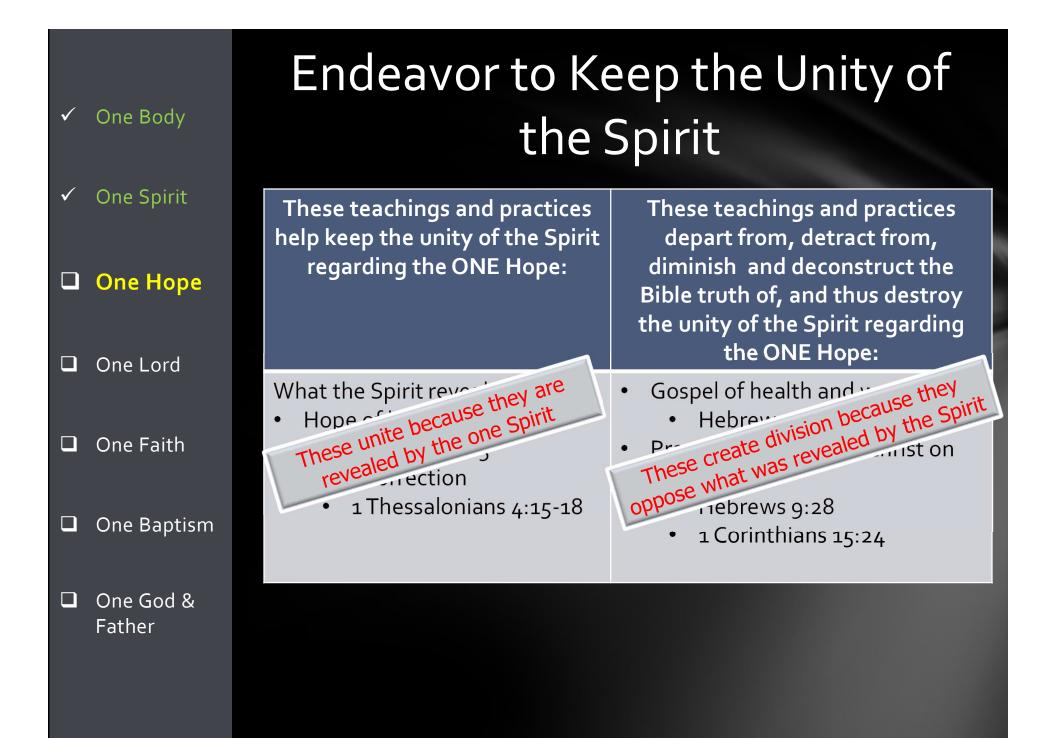
- 2 Timothy 3:10 Carefully follow
- 2 Timothy 3:14 Continue in
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness
- 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word, convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching
 - "sound doctrine"

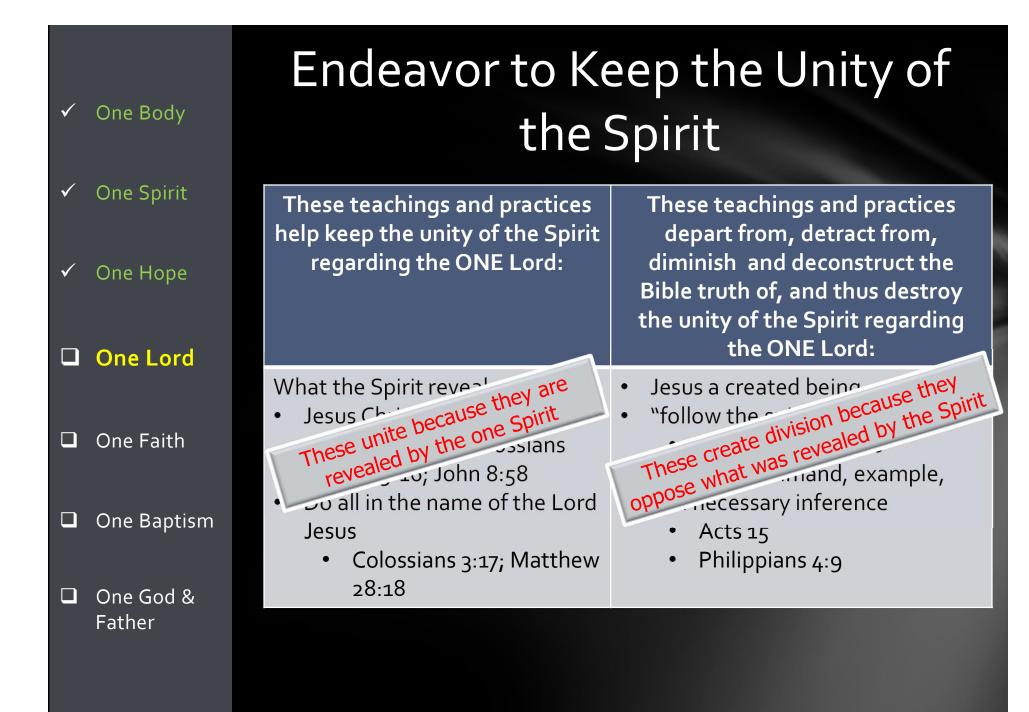
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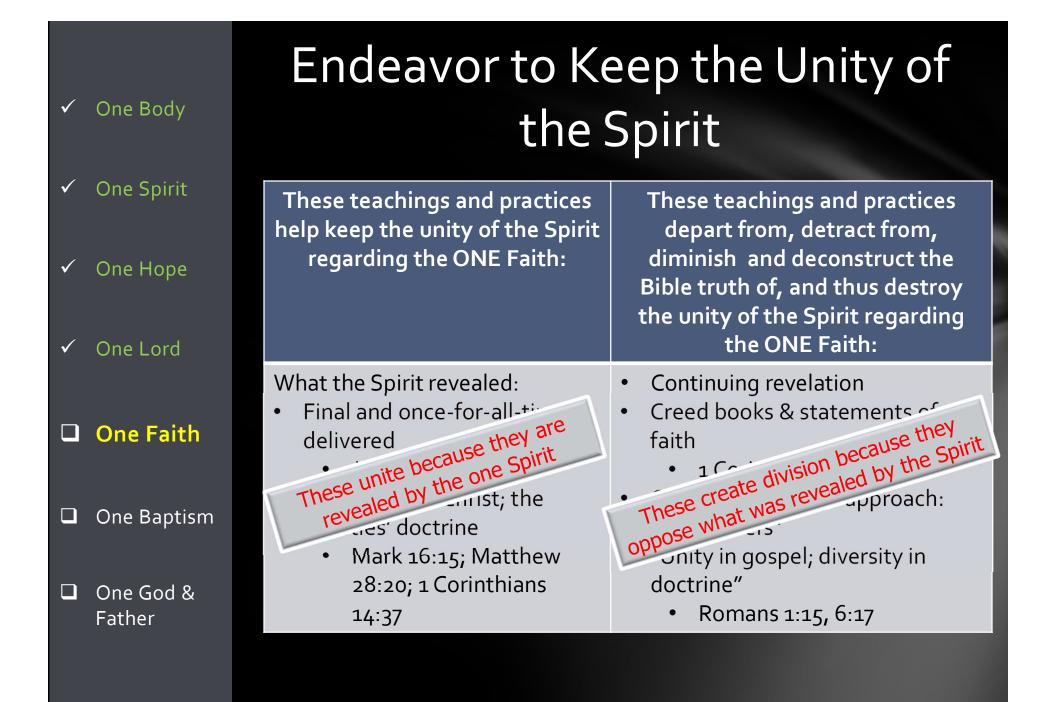


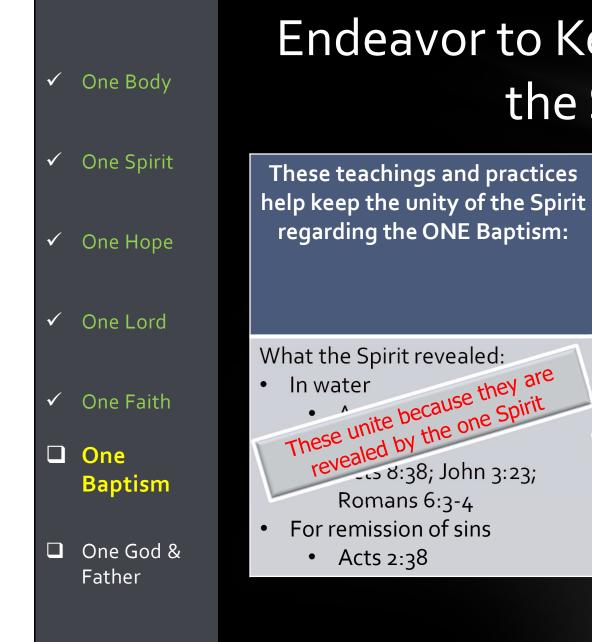
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One Lord	 What the Spirit revealed about: The name of the one body Romans 16:16:1 	 Denominationalism John 17:17-20 Ephesians - bocause they spirit
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One Baptism	revealed	appealing to emotion
One God & Father	The worship of the one body	









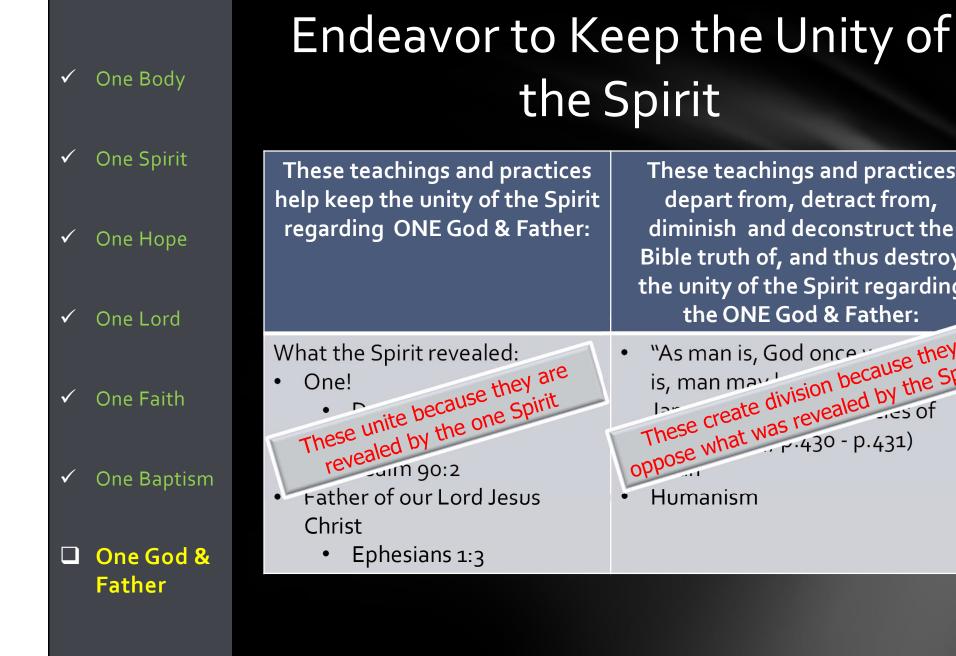


Endeavor to Keep the Unity of the Spirit

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- - Galatians 3:26-27



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Humanism

- If we are going to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we will be instructed and nourished in the words of faith revealed by the Spirit, we will study them, we will continue in them ourselves, we will hold fast to them, we will guard them, and we will preach and teach them.
- Likewise, we will expose teachings and practices that depart from the Spirit's revelation about the 7 ONES, and we will avoid them.

- Teaching and practicing what the Spirit revealed in the Bible about the 7 ONES will unite.
- Teaching and practicing things outside what the Spirit revealed in the Bible will create division.
 - Some may call that "unity in diversity", but it is nothing more than union, and it is not unity.

Therefore, weigh every teaching against the Spirit's revelation

