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is not a lonely number.

ephesians 4:4-6



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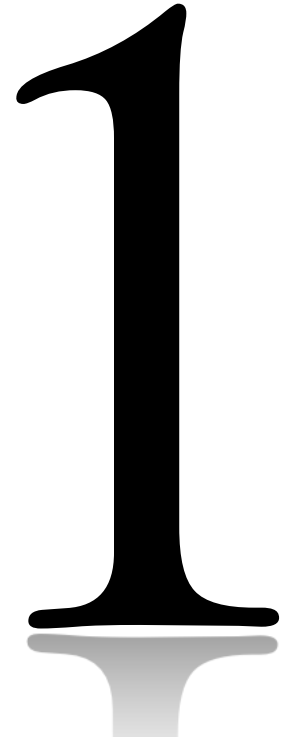
Ephesians 4:3-6

3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Note The Importance of Two Words in verse three:

“Unity” ἐνότης henotēs; (twice in NT and only in Eph.) ONENESS

“Bond” συνδέσμῳ sundēsmon-“to tie together”



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The Seven “Ones”

“One body”

- 1 Cor. 12:12-13- “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves 12 or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit”

- This means there is one true UNIVERSAL church.

“One Spirit”

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“One hope of your calling”

- Paul is suggesting here that the believer who realizes the existence of the one body, who walks in the Spirit, and who looks for the Lord’s return, is going to be a peacemaker and not a troublemaker.
- Unity is the essence of truly understanding Jesus and the gospel, and it is the expression of legitimate faith.

“One Lord”

- No one is above God. No one is beyond Him.

“One faith”

- One faith through which the one Lord is apprehended. It is one for all believers, for they are all justified in exactly the same manner

“One baptism”

- Spirit Baptism-

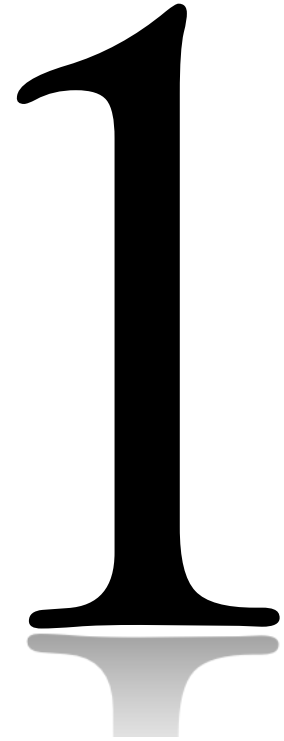
We are put into Christ by the Holy Spirit baptizing us when we are converted.

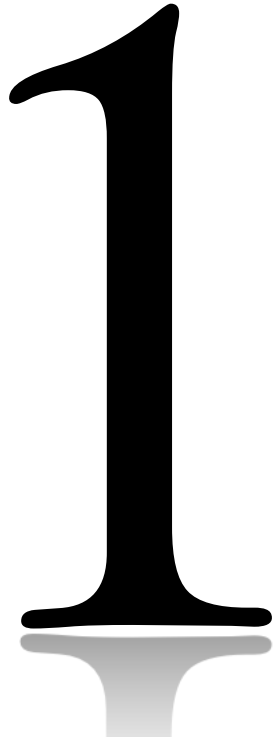
- Water Baptism-

The one outward symbol that shows our oneness in Christ

“One God and Father of all”

No sin is more severely prohibited and threatened in Scripture than admonition to have no other gods.





“Over all, through all, and in all”

- the universal reality of the power of God in people’s lives.
- He pervades over all and is the source through it all so we can walk in His power in all things.

What Does Unity/Oneness Have To Do With My Walk With God?

1. Theological soundness is extremely important. However right doctrine itself does not produce spiritual unity. There are churches that are sound in faith, but unsound when it comes to love.
2. The text does not say people create the unity of the Body, we are simply called on to avoid acting in ways that disturb it. WE are not to manufacture unity, but to maintain it!

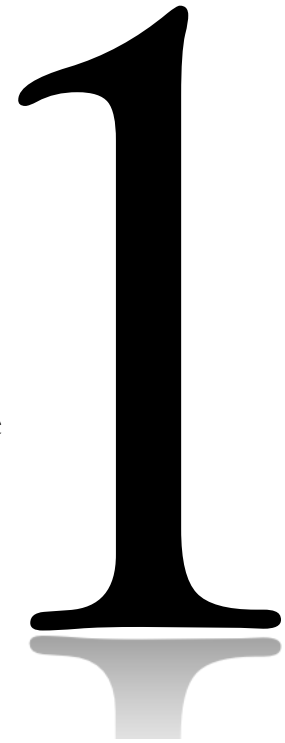
- What do you DO that causes disunity?
- What are you doing to avoid disunity?
- Do you understand it's your job to protect it?

3. To walk deeply with God and thus deeply with each other we must be aware of the mystical connection to all those in Christ.

(something mystical results from something foundational)

4. It constantly reminds me of who is to be MY source. If there were multiple sources we would never be satisfied.

5. Oneness is the foundation for what we do inside the church. *(Since there is one Lord, we should be diligent to maintain the unity of the Spirit under that unifying lordship.)*



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6. It's the foundation for what we do outside the church.

7. It should bring urgency to our outreach!