SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON: One Church Under Christ! 11 June 2017

## I. THE DECLINE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN OSWEGO

- A. HISTORIC PRESERVATION: DISAPPEARING ARCHITECTURE (esp. churches /Neh.1:3,4; 2:3f)
- **B. GOSPEL PRESERVATION: LOST TRIBES** (2Kngs.17:6,1f & 24f; see Jdgs.20&21; see Rom.15:27)
- **C. CHURCH IN OSWEGO: BODY OF CHRIST** (Eph.4:1f,16; 1Cor.12:7,25; see Prov.27:10; e.g., OEA)
- **D. ESSENCE OF CHURCH UNITY: ONE CHURCH UNDER CHRIST** (Eph.1:22f; 2:11f; 4:1f; see Jn.15:5)

## II. CHURCH UNITY IN EPHESIANS

- **A. QUICK SURVEY OF EPHESIANS: 654321** (note: 2:1-10; see Lk.11:13)
- B. CHRIST HOLDS TOGETHER IN GOD (Eph.1:3f,7f,13f)
- C. CHRIST HOLDS ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN CREATION (Eph.1:18-23; see Col.1:17f; Heb.1:2,3)
- D. CHRIST HOLDS US TOGETHER WITH HIMSELF (Eph.2:5,1-10 /Col.1:13f,etc.; Rom.6:3f,5 /2Cor.5:21)
- **E. CHRIST HOLDS US TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER IN HIMSELF** (Eph.**2:**11-22; **4:**1-6; 7-16; 25,29f; **5:**22-6:9; Col.2:19)
- F. SUMMARY: ONE CHURCH UNDER CHRIST (Eph.4; 1Cor.12)

## III. <u>SEEK FOR ONE CHURCH UNDER CHRIST!</u>

- A. PRAYFOR ONE CHURCH UNDER CHRIST (Eph.1:15f; 3:14f; esp. Jn.17:1f)
- **B.** *WORK* FOR ONE CHURCH UNDER CHRIST (Eph.4:1f,16,22f; 5:21f; see 4:2,25,32; 5:21)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)