

# 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, <sup>2</sup> with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> doing *your* utmost to keep the unity

*provided* by the Spirit in the bond of peace: <sup>4</sup> one body, and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one immersion, <sup>1 6</sup> 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)

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<sup>1</sup> 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