



“A Unifying Focus”

The Church’s Conduct

Ephesians 4:4-6

A focus on our :

I. Calling - “even as you are called” (v. 4)

We embrace :

A. Interdependence – “one body”

B. Illumination – “one Spirit”

C. Investment – “one hope”

II. Confession – “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism” (v. 5)

We embrace the :

A. Son – “One Lord”

B. Scripture - “one faith”

C. Sign - “one baptism”

III. Creator - “One God and Father of all” (v. 6)

We embrace the Father’s :

A. Supremacy – “above all”

B. Sovereignty – “through all”

C. Saturation – “in you all”

denoting the maximum possible intensity of coverage of an area:

Sentence Sermon:

“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit means staying focused on seven spiritual realities.”

Additional Verses

One Body

➤ Ephesians 1:23; 2:16; 3:6; I Corinthians 12:13

One Spirit

➤ Ephesians 2:22; Acts 2:1; I John 4:1

One Hope

➤ I Peter 1:3; 3:15; Titus 2:13; I John 3:3

One Lord

➤ Romans 10:12; I Corinthians 12:5; Colossians 1:18; Jude 4

One Faith

➤ Acts 6:7; I Timothy 4:1, Galatians 1:23; Jude 3; Colossians 2:7

One Baptism

➤ Matthew 28:19; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:1-11

One God and Father

➤ John 1:12; Acts 17:28; Galatians 3:26

Our Calling

Salvation

➤ Romans 1:5-6; 8:29-30; I Corinthians 1:9

Sanctification

➤ I Peter 1:15-16; I Thessalonians 4:1-3

Service

➤ Ephesians 2:10; 4:1, 12

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Why do you suppose Paul waited till chapter 4 to discuss unity?
- 2. Why do you suppose the Spirit is mention first in the presentation of seven points of unity?
- 3. How does this passage discuss the importance of doctrine?
- 4. What are some doctrinal issues connected to these verses?

INTRO:

Seven points of unity Christians should keep in mind as they endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit.

It is not simply as Ben Franklin said, "That *we must all hang together or we shall most assuredly all hang separately,*" but it is a focus that will allow us to live up to our calling!

V. 4

- One body = the church?
- One Spirit = the Holy Spirit who indwells, seals, fills, guides, illumines, produces unity
- One hope = the hope is found in the calling...we are called to Salvation, Sanctification, Service

V. 5 -

- One Lord = Jesus Christ is Lord
- One Faith = by grace through faith...a faith in Jesus Christ
- One Baptism = identification with the Lord Jesus and His Message being placed into His Church

V. 6

- One God = Triune but singular in essence
- Father of us all = no longer children of the devil or disobedience. He is not just a Father or The Father but we see in the Lord's prayer, He is **Our** Father
- Who is :
 - Above all – He is supreme...there is no one over Him
 - Through all – He is sovereignHe can work in and through any situation...not only can He cause things to happen but He can allow things to happen and use them for a totally different purpose than what was intended.
 - In you all – He is omnipresent...He is all influencing...He is in every believer influencing themWe must learn to trust God to work in others just like He does in us.