



Today's Sermons

Morning: The Resurrection of Jesus
Afternoon: The Truth about Judging

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The World's Greatest Gift

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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| "GOD" | → | Greatest Person |
| "SO" | → | Greatest Adverb of Manner |
| "LOVED" | → | Greatest Act |
| "THE WORLD" | → | Greatest Object |
| "HE GAVE" | → | Greatest Sacrifice |
| "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON" | → | Greatest Possession |

"Jesus answered and said unto her, If you knew the gift of God . . ." John 4:10

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Corinthians 9:15

GOD HAS A PRICELESS GIFT FOR YOU




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Times of Services:
Sunday
Bible Study:.... 10:00am
AM Worship:..11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

THE CHRISTIAN PLATFORM
Wendell Winkler, deceased

Ephesians 4:1-6 has been called the "Christian's platform." In verse 1 Paul discusses the Christian's vocation (which is living for Christ, Galatians 2:20). In verses 2 and 3 he presents to us the attitude which must characterize this vocation, or the attitude necessary to the maintenance of the unity of the Spirit. Then, in verses 4-6, he lists for us the "seven ones," the indispensable basics or fundamental principles, upon which the unity of God's people rests. Let us note them:

ONE... "One body," UNITY OF ORGANIZATION. Romans 12:4,5; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 20; Ephesians 4:15; and Colossians 3:15 are other passages asserting the singularity of the body. Then, Ephesians 1:22,23 and Colossians 1:18,24 tell us this body is the church. Of this one body, Christ is the head (Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:15; Colossians 1:18). Within the body one enjoys the blessings of connection with the head (Ephesians 1:22,23), reconciliation (Ephesians 2:16), and being called of God (Colossians 3:15). One enters this body by being baptized (1 Corinthians 12:13). Therein each member is to function, is to function EFFECTIVELY, and is to function effectively COOPERATIVELY (Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 Cor. 12:13-27).

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TWO... "One Spirit," UNITY OF GUIDANCE. This is the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:3,30). He is the third person of the Godhead (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Acts 17:29). He was active in creation (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30), and in redemption (John 14:26; 16:13). As our spirit guides, animates, and governs our bodies, so the Holy Spirit guides through the word (2 Timothy 3:16,17).

THREE... "One hope," UNITY OF ASPIRATION. This is the hope of heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5). Such serves as an anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:18-20). This hope is in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:19). Outside of Christ there is no hope (Ephesians 2:12).

FOUR... "One Lord," UNITY OF AUTHORITY. See 1 Corinthians 8:6; Matthew 23:10, and Romans 10:12. Jesus is this Lord (Acts 2:36; 10:36; Romans 10:9). In Him all authority has been invested, whether it be executive, legislative, or judicial (Matthew 18:18; John 5:22,23; 1 Peter 3:22). His kingdom is an absolute monarchy, not a democracy. Consequently, we must do what He says and refrain from what He forbids.

FIVE... "One faith," UNITY OF MESSAGE. Other texts asserting the singularity of the faith are Jude 3, Titus 1:4; Galatians 1:23; Philippians 1:27; 1 Timothy 1:2; 4:1; 5:8; 6:10,21, and 2 Timothy 3:8. Accordingly, "one faith is as good as another" and "there are many faiths so one may have the faith of his choice" are unscriptural and anti-scriptural concepts. Too, since there is but one faith we can logically deduct that we must all believe alike (Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 14:33).

SIX... "One baptism," UNITY OF PRACTICE. The Bible speaks of several baptisms:

- 1) John's baptism, Acts 19:3;
- 2) The baptism of suffering, Matthew 20:22,23;
- 3) The baptism of fire, Matthew 3:11;
- 4) The baptism of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 3:11;
- 5) Water baptism, the baptism of the Great Commission, Matt 28:18-20, Acts 10:47,48.

However, there is only one of these baptisms valid--thus, only one baptism. But, which? It is not John's baptism (Acts 19:1-7). Nor is it the baptism of suffering, such being fulfilled at Calvary and in the subsequent persecutions endured by the Lord's disciples. Nor is it the baptism of fire, since it is yet to be (Revelation 20:15). Thus, we must ask which of the two remaining baptisms--Holy Spirit and water--is now valid and binding? Matthew 28:18-20 teaches us that the baptism that is to last until the end of the world is the baptism which men can administer. However, men cannot administer the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:11). But they can baptize in water (Acts 8:26-38). Thus, the baptism now valid is

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water baptism. This one baptism is just that--a baptism, an immersion (Acts 8:36-38; Romans 6:4).

This baptism is to save (Mark 16:16), to remit sin (Acts 2:38), to wash away sin (Acts 22:16), to obey the command of the Lord (Acts 10:47,48), to come in contact with the blood of Christ (Romans 6:3; John 19:34), to get into Christ (Galatians 3:27), to get into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13), and to make one a Christian (Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16).

SEVEN... "One God," UNITY OF WORSHIP. See also Deuteronomy 6:4 and 1 Corinthians 8:6. This statement is in direct opposition to atheism, agnosticism, polytheism, and idolatry. This one God is our Creator (Genesis 1:1,26,27), Sustainer (Acts 17:28), and Judge (Hebrews 13:4). He is the Father of all in that He is the Father of our spirits (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1; Hebrews 12:9). However, through the new birth we can be His children in a special, singular, and spiritual sense (John 3:1-7; Galatians 3:26,27). He is holy (1 Peter 1:16), just (Isaiah 41:21), merciful (Exodus 20:5-6), loving (1 John 4:8), and a God of truth (Deuteronomy 32:4). He is omniscient (Acts 15:18), omnipotent (Genesis 17:1), and omnipresent (Psalms 139:7-10). He is unchangeable (James 1:17) and eternal (1 Timothy 1:17). Concerning our worship of Him, John 4:24 reads, "*God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*"

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*“The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father”
(II John 1-4).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 10 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship – Friends & Family Day
- June 13-16 – VBS (Wed-Fri 7:00; Sat 10:00)
- June 24 – Song Service
- July 1 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- July 15-20 – Tent Meeting w/ Wesley Simons at Greenfield Campground
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell