

**Series "Our Riches In Christ"**  
**"Oneness"**  
**Ephesians 4:4-6**  
**Study-12**

**Proverbs 30:24-24**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 – Walking In Unity: Unity among believers.**

**Acts 20:29-30**

**Colossians 2:8**

**Ephesians 4:1-3** – Paul tells us that the **loving character of Christ** is needed in order to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:4-6** – Paul reveals that the trinity, God the Father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit have produced the unity.

**Ephesians 1-3 – Wealth Of The Believer; Ephesians 4-6 – Walk Of The Believer.**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "The Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ And God The Father Are All Equally Unified In Their Unifying Of The Church."

**We will look at the "7 Components Of Unity"**

Ephesians 4:4 – "There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;"

"There is one body and one Spirit," – Context: We are to live out our wealth in unity! Ephesians 4:1 – the word "worthy" – "to be of equal weight, to make equal, to weigh the same."

Ephesians 4:2 – We are to put on the character of Christ.

Verse 3 – Persistence Of The Worthy Walk: Ephesians 4:3 – To "preserve" – "keep, to guard what we already have."

- 1. Verse 4 – One Body:** "There is one body" – He uses a metaphor for the Church, "a body;" Ephesians 2 – it was a "Kingdom," "a Family" and "a Temple." In Ephesians 5, it is "a Bride." The Body is not just a bunch of parts but a coordinated and living organism, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.

"one body" – Speaks of The "Universal Church;" "Church" – Greek word for Church, "ekklesia" – of those who are, "the called out ones, the separated, separate ones."

"one body" – Speaks of The "Local Church," made up of believers in a given area.

The New Testament knows nothing of free-lance Christianity.

- 2. Verse 4 – One Spirit:** "and one Spirit," – There is only one Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:13.

Ephesians 1:13-14

Ephesians 4:30 – We can "grieve" the Holy Spirit – "cause grief, be in heaviness, offend, to affect with sadness."

Ephesians 4:29-32

- 3. Verse 4 – One Hope:** "just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;" – This speaks of the coming of Jesus Christ; completion of our salvation, with a glorified body with Jesus in heaven, and ultimately in the "New Heavens and New Earth. This is commonly called "Eschatology," the study of final things.

The "one hope" – "We need to believe that Jesus will return."

John 14:1-3

Ephesians 4:5 – "one Lord, one faith, one baptism,"

- 4. Verse 5 – One Lord:** "one Lord," – It is the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone is Lord of Christians, Lord of the Church; it is not a man, a counsel, a committee, a board.

Romans 10:9

Acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ is a giant step toward spiritual unity among His people, Luke 9:49-50

Matthew 7:21-23

**There will always be a war, disunity in our heart until the one false master is dethroned from the heart.**

- 5. Verse 5 – One Faith:** "one faith," – The body of truth; The faith in Jesus Christ, Christianity the doctrines of truth, Jude 1:3

Acts 2:42 – “And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching”

1 Timothy 6:3-5

2 Corinthians 13:5

- 6. Verse 5 – One Baptism:** “one baptism,” – This speaks of us being separated by God to God; Baptized into the family of God, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13.

Ephesians 4:6 – “one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

- 7. Verse 6 – One God and Father:** “one God and Father” – This speaks of one God that is the father of all that is in His family.

Basic Judaism in the O.T. has always been, Deuteronomy 6:4.

The N.T. taught that one God was in 3 persons, Matthew 28:19.

Matthew 6:9 – “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who art in heaven,”

“over all” – God is sovereign; if He is not, He is not God. Nothing can touch us outside of His will.

“through all” – all powerful; Omnipotent. He is accomplishing His purposes through His children. God has a purpose and a plan that will pass.

“in all” – Omnipresent. He dwells in the lives of the believers. Literally, “resting, continuance, remaining within.” The Father is at home in our hearts.

### **Application:**

1. As A Church Fellowship, We Cannot Believe In Peace At Any Price. If We Do, We Will Reject The Teachings Of Jesus Christ. We Cannot Exchange Purity For Peace. It Is Better To Have Divisions Than An Evil Uniformity.
2. Purity Of Doctrine Alone Does Not Bring Unity. If We Lack The Love Of Jesus Christ, We Can Become Dogmatic And Disrupt The Unity Through Our Lack Of Love. We Need The Character Of Christ.