

One (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- I. **Introduction**
 - A. Christian unity is based not upon any outward physical reality, but upon an eternal spiritual reality
 - B. Read Ephesians 4:1-6 and an outline of the sermon
- II. **One Spirit**
 - A. *One body*
 - 1. Romans 12:5, John 17:20-23
 - 2. John 13:35
 - 3. An illustration of unity from BoL circumstances
 - B. *One Spirit*
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 12:13-14, John 3:5-8
 - 2. Application: We can have no unity with modalists (*United Pentecostals, Sabellianism*)
 - C. *One hope of your calling*
 - 1. Ephesians 1:4, Colossians 1:23
 - 2. Application: Encourage one another to strive for the prize
- III. **One Lord**
 - A. Jesus Christ alone is LORD
 - 1. not Caesar
 - 2. Lord means LORD! There is no dichotomy in Christ
 - 3. 1 Corinthians 8:6, Romans 10:12-13
 - B. *One faith*
 - 1. The once delivered faith (Jude 4, 2 Peter 1:1, Titus 1:4)
 - 2. Romans 3:30 – faith alone – not of works
 - 3. Application: No unity with Catholicism, or any religious system with a works-based righteousness
 - 4. Application: Forbearance is needed over differences *within* the once delivered faith
 - C. *One baptism*
 - 1. Is this Spirit-baptism or water baptism or both?
 - 2. Unity and baptism (Galatians 3:27-28)
 - 3. Application: Obey Christ and be baptized!
- IV. **One God and Father**
 - A. Ephesians 4:6 a NT restatement of the Hebrew Sh'ma
 - B. One God in a culture of polytheism
 - C. Has the church forgotten the Father?
 - 1. *above all* – Sovereignty
 - 2. *through all* – Immanence
 - 3. *in all* – Indwelling
 - 4. who are the *all*? All people (Mal 2:10) or only believers?
 - 5. Application: Who is your father?
 - 6. The Centrality of God in Scripture
- V. **Conclusion –**
 - A. Decision making in light of Trinitarian thinking
 - B. A final admonition for unity in light of Trinitarian thinking