

THERE IS ONE—EPHESIANS 4:4-6

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BODY: The body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). These verses teach that there is one church, not many different churches. Today's religious world, with its many religions and denominational churches, is in error, for there is only one body – the church.

SPIRIT: There is one Holy Spirit who was sent to reveal all truth through the apostles (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit did not teach more than one doctrine. Those who teach and practice doctrines different from the doctrine in the Bible are not led by the Holy Spirit.

HOPE: The one hope is spiritual, heavenly, and eternal. It is not about earthly houses, cars, or investments. Earthly things pass away (Matthew 6:19), but the heavenly reward is incorruptible, undefiled, and reserved for the faithful (1 Peter 1 :3-4).

LORD: Jesus is our one and only Lord and Master. No one on earth can replace Him. Some religious and earthly leaders feel they should be revered and adored above other men. The Christian's first allegiance is to Jesus (Acts 5:29).

FAITH: Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). His doctrine is the faith we must follow (Jude 3; 2 John 9). Other faiths are false.

BAPTISM: The one baptism that saves is immersion in water (Acts 8:36-38; Mark 16:16). No other baptism, including Holy Spirit baptism, is in force today.

GOD: Some religions advocate many gods (polytheism). This is a false belief. There is only one God and Father – the One in heaven.

Now how many is **ONE**? In simple terms – more than zero and less than two! While the religious world is confused with this “number,” God’s word made it so simple that all can read and understand. Sadly, on most of these ONE’s we have agreement – Lord, God and Hope. Yet, the other four will bring much division. Why? One thing for sure, it is not because of lack of clarity! ***