

This Is A Oneness Church

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

ONE BODY

- **Proverbs 6:16-19** These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and **he that soweth discord among brethren.**
- **DISCORD:** lack of agreement or harmony, disunity, dissension, conflict, opposition, quarreling, antagonism
- **John 17:21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- This is Jesus' final prayer request – and it is the only prayer that the church can answer! The church's greatest power lies in UNITY. What about prayer? Not as powerful as UNIFIED prayer! What about worship? Not as powerful as UNIFIED worship! Etc.
- At the tower of Babel, unity made nothing impossible to humanity. How much more is this true when God's favor rests on His people?
- **Gen. 11:6** And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
- Unity doesn't mean uniformity! Bricks are uniform; stones are unique! Every member is not the same shape, but all are fitly joined together by the Master Craftsman.
- **1 Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- Jesus prayed His prayer for "unity" in the presence of His bickering, prestige-seeking disciples. How must they have felt? How should WE feel? You can't believe in ONE GOD unless you honor His body.
- No one has ever left the church because of God! God's reputation can be ruined because of His children! Can you overlook your petty personal preferences so that God's Kingdom can go forward?
- **New Testament:** tithes - 24X, offerings - 265X, fasting - over 100X, prayer - over 100X, **together** - 484X, **gathered together** - 97X

ONE SPIRIT

- Your body is able to think, move and take action because it is inhabited by your spirit. The body of Christ is inhabited by His Spirit!
- **Acts 17:28** For in him we live, and move, and have our being.
- **Zechariah 4:6** This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.
- If you want to be in the body of Christ, you must receive His Spirit!
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- **Romans 8:14-16** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- How do you know that you've received the Holy Ghost? The Bible says that when you do, you will speak in tongues!
 - Isaiah 28 – with stammering lips and another tongue
 - Joel 2 – I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh
 - Acts 2 – Jewish disciples on the Day of Pentecost ("this is that")
 - Acts 10 – Gentiles at Cornelius' household
 - Acts 19 – disciples of John the Baptist

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO "BELIEVERS"	
FIRST BELIEVE THEN RECEIVE!
After that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. (Eph. 1:13)
And these signs shall follow them that believe they shall speak with new tongues. (Mark 16:17)
He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive ... (John 7:38-39)
Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)
Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? (Acts 19:2)	

ONE HOPE

- **HOPE:** to desire with expectation of fulfillment; the assurance that what one longs for will happen; trust or reliance
- **Colossians 1:5** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
- **Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**;
- **Titus 3:7** That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to **the hope of eternal life**.
- **Titus 2:13** Looking for **that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
- **Hebrews 6:19** Which **hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;
- No matter how bad things get here on earth, Christians have a HOPE beyond this life. It is an ANCHOR when things get stormy!
- The best way to describe Heaven is by contrast to earth: no more night (22:5), no more curse (22:3), no more death (21:4), no more tears or pain (21:4). The New Jerusalem's walls are 212 feet thick and 1500 miles high. The city would reach all the way from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic Ocean to the state of Colorado. If the main avenues were a mile apart and a mile above one another, there would be no less than eight million avenues! If heaven contained rooms each a one-mile cube, it could contain 3,375,000,000 of them. If we started with the time of Adam and spent one hour in each room we would by now have visited less than one quarter of them!
- Atheism teaches us that there is no God and thus no Heaven – that's not hope! Reincarnation teaches us that our life will be recycled into some higher or lower form of existence the next time around – that's not hope! Mormonism teaches us that we will live forever as gods with hundreds of spirit wives – that's definitely not hope! ☺
- The Bible offers the only real hope ...
- **Revelation 21:2-3** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- Seeing Jesus face to face someday is my reason to keep running the Christian race! There is ONE HOPE!

ONE LORD

- Neither the Old or the New Testament uses the word "trinity" or associates the words "three" or "persons" in any significant way with God. No passage says God is a holy two, holy three, or holy trinity, but over 50 verses call God the "HOLY ONE."
- **Isaiah 47:4** As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the **Holy One** of Israel.
- David prophetically spoke of Jesus using the term "Holy One," and he was quoted by both Peter (Acts 2:37) and Paul (Acts 13:35).
- **Psalms 16:10** For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine **Holy One** to see corruption.
- **Mark 1:23-26** And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the **Holy One** of God.
- Paul lets us know that the Jesus we serve today is the same God who created everything that exists in the beginning!
- **Colossians 1:14-19** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
- **Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- The Apostolic church is not built on Peter, but on the revelation he received! This revelation of One God is the most powerful revelation in Scripture, because if there is only one God then He deserves my total allegiance. Jesus called this the first or greatest commandment when He quoted the law of Moses ...
- **Mark 12:29-30** And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
- There is ONE LORD!

ONE FAITH

- Sometimes the Bible speaks simply of FAITH, but other times it speaks of THE FAITH. It is not just indicating individual belief, but the entire body of truth that we believe about Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:23	Paul preached the faith which once he destroyed
1 Timothy 1:2	Timothy was Paul's son in the faith
1 Timothy 4:1	You can depart from the faith
1 Timothy 5:8	You can deny the faith
1 Timothy 6:10	You can err from the faith
2 Timothy 3:8	You can be reprobate concerning the faith
1 Corinthians 16:13	Stand fast in the faith
2 Corinthians 13:5	Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith
Ephesians 4:13	Come to the unity of the faith
Colossians 1:23	Be grounded and settled in the faith
Colossians 2:7	Be established in the faith
Titus 1:13	Be sound in the faith
2 Timothy 4:7	Keep the faith
Jude 1:3	Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints!

- It does matter what you believe!
- Not everyone is going to Heaven; not every church is right!
- Church shopping is not biblical! Find a church that preaches TRUTH!
- God makes the rules for His house, not you!
- There is ONE FAITH!

ONE BAPTISM

- Baptism is not an option; there is no such thing in the Bible as a Christian who was not baptized!
- **John 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- If you're not willing to be baptized the Bible way, you can't get into God's kingdom! The Bible says that there is only "one baptism" – so if there is only one right way to be baptized, WHAT IS IT?

• **WE MUST BE IMMERSSED IN WATER (MODE)**

- Because Jesus was baptized by immersion
- Because every baptism in the Bible was by immersion
- Because that's precisely what the word baptism means
- Because it is the best portrayal of a burial and resurrection

• **WE MUST BE BAPTIZED IN JESUS' NAME (FORMULA)**

- **Every baptism in Acts was performed in Jesus' name.**

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Acts 2:38 – be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins

THE SAMARITANS: Acts 8:16 – they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

THE HOUSE OF CORNELIUS: Acts 10:48 – he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord

THE DISCIPLES OF JOHN: Acts 19:5 – they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

PAUL'S BAPTISM: Acts 22:16 – And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

- **The epistles teach baptism in the name of Jesus.**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Colossians 1:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

- **Jesus is the only name with the power to save us.**

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- There is ONE BAPTISM! **THIS IS A "ONENESS" CHURCH!**

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