

Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

What Is Unity?

- Secular - (Noun Plural)
- The state of being one, oneness.
- A whole or totality as combining all its parts into one.
- Absence of diversity; unvaried or uniform character.
- Source: www.dictionary.com

What Is Unity?

- John 17:11, *“And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are.”*
- 1 Corinthians 1:10, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and the same judgment.”*

Unity in the Godhead

- Unity in Creation -
- Genesis 1:1, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”*

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- Genesis 1:26, *“And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...”*
- Colossians 1:16, *“for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him.”*
- Colossians 1:17, *“and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.”*

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- Unity in will -
- John 17:5, *“And now Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”*
- John 17:9-10, *“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine; and all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”*

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- One Body – The NT Church
- Ephesians 1:22-23, “*and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*”
- 1 Corinthians 12:12, “*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.*” (cf. John 15:1-5)

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- One Spirit – The Revealer; One Source
- Ephesians 3:3-5, “*how that by revelation was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery, which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.*”

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- Galatians 1:8-9, “*But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say now I again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema.*”

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- Hope – One destination
- 1 Peter 1:4, “*unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you ...*”
- Philippians 3:20, “*For our citizenship is in heaven ...*”

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- Lord – Master
- John 20:28, “*Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*”
- Matthew 6:24, “*No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*” (cf. Joshua 24:15)

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- Faith – One standard
- Acts 13:5 – “*... the word of God*”
- Acts 13:7 – “*... and sought to hear the word of God.*”
- Acts 13:8 – “*... the faith*”
- Acts 13:10 – “*... the right ways [doctrine] of the Lord.*”

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- 1 Corinthians 4:17, *“For this cause I have sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.”*
- 2 Peter 1:20, *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”*

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- Baptism – One baptism that saves
- Mark 16:16, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.”*
- Acts 2:38, *“And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* (cf. Acts 22:16)

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- God and Father of all – Only one God
- Polytheism, paganism, Greek mythology, etc.
- Acts 17:22-28

Striving for Unity

- Ephesians 4:3, *“giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*
- 1 Corinthians 1:10, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

Striving for Unity

- Ephesians 4:13, *“till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ ...”*