

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges: Walking with Christ A Study of Ephesians 4-6

Message for Sunday, February 28:

Unity

Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Today's Main Thought: The Trinity is the source of unity in the church.

Unity's Foundation

One Spirit

- One body is the metaphor for the universal church (Eph 1:23; 2:16; 3:5-6; also compare 1 Cor 12: 12-26 to Eph 4:4).
- Our one hope is the absolute certainty God will deliver what he has promised (Eph 1:9; Col 1:15; Rom 8:24).

One Lord

- One faith refers to the subjective faith experienced by all followers in Christ their Lord (Eph 1:13; Col 2:7).
- One baptism refers to the internal reality of believers being unified with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection (Mark 10:38; Rom 6:5; 1 Cor 10:2; Gal 3:27).

One God and Father is the basis for establishing unity in body. The work of the Holy Spirit and the work of Jesus all flow from the Father (John 1:12; Rom 8:9; Gal 3:26).

Getting Started

Read Ephesians 4:4-6 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Now compare the church to the human body. The human body is comprised of many different parts which must work together for the body to healthy. A well functioning body is achieved not by joining a number of diverse parts or pieces in the way one would make a machine, but by growth. The church is not a diesel engine or a watch or an airplane. It is a body. It grows by multiplication of cells.

Digging Deeper

Discuss with your pack partner, 710 group or in the Wednesday night bible study small group

- 1) Where are you connected in the Judson body or (if you, are a guest your church home).
- 2) Please read the following scriptures before answering the question; Luke 22:24; Galatians 5: 19-21; 2 Corinthians 12:19-21 and James 3:14-16. Does your contribution to the body cause it to function well? Or cause discomfort and disease?

Living It Out

This Wednesday, March 3, please invite your friends to dinner, and Wednesday night alive.

Next Week: Missions: Ray Badgero

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