

December 10, 2017
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Pastor Paul S. Brown
Eph. 4:4-6

“1+1+1+1+1+1+1=One”

1. Walk in Unity – 4:2-16

- a. Unity in the Church: The human spirit (attitude) (2)
- b. Unity in the Church: The Divine Spirit (3)
- c. **Unity in the Church: The Foundation (4-6) – ⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.***

Observations:

Exposition:

- 1) **One Body (4) – Our Common _____**

- 2) **One Spirit (4) – Our Common _____**

- 3) **One Hope of your Calling (4) – Our Common _____**

- 4) **One Lord (5) – Our Common _____**

- 5) **One Faith (5) – Our Common _____**

- 6) **One Baptism (5) – Our Common _____**

- 7) **One God and Father (6) – Our Common _____**
 - a) **Of All**

 - b) **Over All**

 - c) **Through All**

 - d) **In All**

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. What positive changes have you seen in your life the past few weeks with reference to: humility, gentleness, patience, and tolerance in love? How has it helped your relationships? What steps can you take to grow even more in each of those areas?
2. The Holy Spirit has already given us supernatural unity (v. 3). What are some practical ways you are working with the Holy Spirit to preserve that unity?
3. Pastor Paul shared some of his observations from verses 4-6. What were they? Did you write them down? Should you take notes when the Word of God is taught? What should you do with those notes throughout that week. Where should you keep them for future reference?
4. The Apostle Paul gives us doctrinal truth (verses 4-6) in the midst of a section that is practical application. How does sound doctrine help us discover and persevere in practical applications? What might happen if we rush to application without having the doctrinal truth to support it? When was the last time you read a Systematic Theology book?
5. Give three practical applications for each of these doctrinal truths:
 - a. We are one Body
 - b. We have one Holy Spirit
 - c. We share one Hope
 - d. We have one Lord
 - e. We have one Faith
 - f. We have one Baptism
 - g. We have one God and Father
6. Why does Paul repeatedly use the word “all” in verse 6? How does this impact our understanding of unity?
7. Some people leave churches because they believe they have “nothing in common” with the people there. What things might they be referring to? How might you use Ephesians 4:4-6 to help people see what we have in common and help them see that these are the things that matter the most?
8. Read 1 Cor. 12. How many principles can you find in this chapter about the unity and diversity of the church body?
9. What new things might you begin to practice this week to be diligent to preserve this precious unity that the Lord has given to us in His Church?