

GOD'S "ONE-DERFUL" PLAN

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

- Introduction:
1. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone who professes faith in Christ could be united?
 2. Jesus desired and prayed for that very thing (John 17:20-21).
 3. But why doesn't this unity for which Christ prayed not exist?
 4. What can we do to attain and then maintain this unity?
 5. In this text, Paul offers at least two ingredients necessary for the unity of all believers.

I. We Must Possess A Proper Attitude

- A. (Ephesians 4:1-3).
- B. Proper attitude is often the missing ingredient where division reigns.
- C. (I Peter 4:8).
- D. Wrong actions and incorrect doctrine are only part of the source of division.

II. We Must Possess The Proper Standard

- A. (Ephesians 4:4-6).
- B. We must be a part of *one body*.
 1. (Psalms 127:1).
 2. Reconciliation to God takes place in one body (Eph. 2:16).
 3. The church of which you are a member needs to be of divine origin, not human origin.
- C. We must all be led by *one spirit*.
 1. (Romans 8:14).
 2. When one follows teachings that are not revealed by the Spirit of God, we can never attain unity.
- D. We must all have *one hope*.
 1. (Titus 1:2; I Peter 1:11).
 2. People following different goals will soon part ways.
- E. We must all submit to *one Lord*.
 1. (Philippians 2:11).
 2. By their actions, some declare that they have other lords (Luke 6:46).
- F. We must all subscribe to *one faith*.
 1. (Jude 3).
 2. Creeds will forever keep us from unity.
 3. (Ephesians 5:17).
- G. We must all submit to the *one baptism*.
 1. (Romans 6:3-4).
 2. The one baptism involves the proper subject, element, and method.
- H. We must all worship the *one God*.
 1. (I Corinthians 8:6).
 2. (Luke 4:8).