

# GOD'S “*ONE-DERFUL*” PLAN

## (Ephesians 4:1-6)

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

### I. We Must Possess A Proper Attitude

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

### II. We Must Possess The Proper Standard

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