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Ephesians - Part 6 (Oneness with God)

Chapter 4:

Verses 1-3: 1. *I Therefore, the prisoner (captive) of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation (invitation) wherewith ye are called,* 2. *With all lowliness (humbleness of mind) and meekness (gentleness), with longsuffering (patience), forbearing one another in love;* 3. *Endeavoring to keep the unity (oneness) of the Spirit in the bond^(G4886) of peace.* This chapter, the heart gospel, emphasizes the principle of love and the need to the church to be closely bound by love's principles, and seven things to bring us to a fullness of Jesus.

Verses 4-6: 4. *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;* 5. *One Lord, one faith, one baptism,* 6. *One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

One Body: **Colossians 1:18**: *And he is the head of the body, the church^(G1577)...* The Greek word for "church" is *ekklesia* derived from two words meaning *called out*. "The church" refers to the body of believers called out of the world to assemble together in *the bond of peace and unity of the one Spirit*. They are the "body of Christ."

One Spirit: *...he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit* (1Cor 6:17). *Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear* (Acts 2:33). The one Spirit is the Father's which Jesus received and poured out at Pentecost. *...for the Holy Spirit was not yet (----); because that Jesus was not yet glorified* (Jn 7:39).

One Hope: *And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers* (Act 26:6). 13. *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...* 14. *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith* (Gal 3:13-14).

One Lord: *And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one* (Zech 14:9). **1 Corinthians 8:6**: *But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

One Faith: **Romans 3:21-22**: 21. *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;* 22. *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

One Baptism: **Galatians 3:27**: *For as many of you as have been [immersed] into Christ have put on Christ.* **Acts 4:10-12**: 10. *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in him doth this man stand here before you whole.* 11. *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.* 12. *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

One God: **John 17:3, 21-20**: *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent....* 20. *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;* 21. *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me..* To be ONE with the Father and Son is to be a part of the body of Christ, possessed by the same spirit and be immersed into the same faith with Jesus as Lord.

Verses 7-11: 7. *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.* 8. *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.* 9. *(Now*