

Ephesians Chapter 4 Part One The Unity God Desires for His Church

Ephesians 3:20-21 ²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Read Ephesians Chapter 4:1-16 from the Bible

John 17:20-26 ²⁰“I do not pray for them alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word. ²¹That they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Ephesians 4:4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

1) One body

Romans 12:5-6a ⁵so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ^{6a}Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them...*

2) One Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you [singular], whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you [plural su] are the temple of God and *that* the temple of God dwells in you?

3) One hope

Ephesians 4:4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5-7 ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism ⁶one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

4) One Lord

1 Corinthians 8:6b *there is ... one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.*

Philippians 2:11 *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

5) One faith

Jude 3b *the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*

6) One baptism

Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33

Luke 3:16b *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Ephesians 4:6-7 ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

7) One God and Father of all

1 Corinthians 8:6 *yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.*

Philippians 2:8b *He [Jesus, God the Son] humbled Himself and became obedient [to God the Father] to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Ephesians 4:8 *Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."*

Luke 23:43 *And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Psalms 116:15 *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.*

Ephesians 4:9-10 ⁹(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Ephesians 4:11-14 ¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Hebrews 5:13-14 ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Ephesians 4:15-16 ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Psalms 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*