



## “A Unifying Focus”

*The Church’s Conduct*

Ephesians 4:4-6

*A focus on our :*

### I. Calling - “even as you are called” (v. 4)

*We embrace :*

**A. Interdependence** – “one body”

**B. Illumination** – “one Spirit”

**C. Investment** – “one hope”

### II. Confession – “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism” (v. 5)

*We embrace the :*

**A. Son** – “One Lord”

**B. Scripture** - “one faith”

**C. Sign** - “one baptism”

### III. Creator - “One God and Father of all” (v. 6)

*We embrace the Father’s :*

**A. Supremacy** – “above all”

**B. Sovereignty** – “through all”

**C. Saturation** – “in you all”

denoting the maximum possible intensity of coverage of an area:

### Sentence Sermon:

*“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit means staying focused on seven spiritual realities.”*

### Additional Verses

#### One Body

➤ *Ephesians 1:23; 2:16; 3:6; I Corinthians 12:13*

#### One Spirit

➤ *Ephesians 2:22; Acts 2:1; I John 4:1*

#### One Hope

➤ *I Peter 1:3; 3:15; Titus 2:13; I John 3:3*

#### One Lord

➤ *Romans 10:12; I Corinthians 12:5; Colossians 1:18; Jude 4*

#### One Faith

➤ *Acts 6:7; I Timothy 4:1, Galatians 1:23; Jude 3; Colossians 2:7*

#### One Baptism

➤ *Matthew 28:19; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:1-11*

#### One God and Father

➤ *John 1:12; Acts 17:28; Galatians 3:26*

### **Our Calling**

#### Salvation

➤ *Romans 1:5-6; 8:29-30; I Corinthians 1:9*

#### Sanctification

➤ *I Peter 1:15-16; I Thessalonians 4:1-3*

#### Service

➤ *Ephesians 2:10; 4:1, 12*

### Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Why do you suppose Paul waited till chapter 4 to discuss unity?
- 2. Why do you suppose the Spirit is mention first in the presentation of seven points of unity?
- 3. How does this passage discuss the importance of doctrine?
- 4. What are some doctrinal issues connected to these verses?

## INTRO:

Seven points of unity Christians should keep in mind as they endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit.

It is not simply as Ben Franklin said, "That *we must all hang together or we shall most assuredly all hang separately,*" but it is a focus that will allow us to live up to our calling!

### V. 4

- One body = the church?
- One Spirit = the Holy Spirit who indwells, seals, fills, guides, illumines, produces unity
- One hope = the hope is found in the calling...we are called to Salvation, Sanctification, Service

### V. 5 -

- One Lord = Jesus Christ is Lord
- One Faith = by grace through faith...a faith in Jesus Christ
- One Baptism = identification with the Lord Jesus and His Message being placed into His Church

### V. 6

- One God = Triune but singular in essence
- Father of us all = no longer children of the devil or disobedience. He is not just a Father or The Father but we see in the Lord's prayer, He is **Our Father**
- Who is :
  - Above all – He is supreme...there is no one over Him
  - Through all – He is sovereign ....He can work in and through any situation...not only can He cause things to happen but He can allow things to happen and use them for a totally different purpose than what was intended.
  - In you all – He is omnipresent...He is all influencing...He is in every believer influencing them ....We must learn to trust God to work in others just like He does in us.