

Review and Introduction:

God has established unity in His church...Paul lists seven aspects of this unity in our passage...there is an obvious three-fold grouping---Holy Spirit, the Son, the Father...

I. The Unity Worked by the Holy Spirit vs. 4

A. One body...

B. One Spirit... Obviously a reference to the Holy Spirit who forms the One body of Christ... *I Corinthians 12:12-1*

C. One hope...

1. The Holy Spirit makes the call effectual to the elect...
2. The call then produces hope...
 - a. Of Heaven... b. Resurrection glory...c. A guaranteed inheritance...see. *Romans 5:2-5*

II. A Unity in the Lord Jesus Christ vs. 5

A. There is One Lord... "kurios..." Jehovah... *Philippians 2:5ff with Isaiah 45*
Christians belong to the Lord by redemption... *I Corinthians 6:20; 7:25; Romans 14:8*

B. One Faith...

C. One Baptism...

1. Errors identified...
 - a. Not baptismal regeneration...
 - b. Text is not teaching the mode of baptism...
 - c. Not focused upon the act or action of baptism...
2. Baptism actually does several things...
 - a. church membership, *Acts 2:41*
 - b. It's a command, *Matthew 28:18-20*;
 3. The text is focused upon what baptism represents...its fulfillment...

Illustration:

- a. The text is ordered and structured...
- b. No one is to be baptized that is not under the Lordship of Christ...
4. ***We are baptized into the name of Jesus Christ...*** see *I Corinthians 1:10-16; Acts 2:37-38; 19:1-5*

Observations:

5. The Bible speaks of being baptized into Christ...*Romans 6:3ff; Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:27*

Observations:

6. Baptism also represents the washing of sin...
7. Baptism is about "Lordship..." *Colossians 1:9-14*

Application:

III. A Unity Planned by the Father...