

The Oneness of God

Introduction

1. Notice the plain and simple words of Jesus in John 8:32:

John 8:32 And you shall know **the truth**, and **the truth** shall make you free."

A. One point that needs to be emphasized is that Jesus said **"the truth."** That excludes any and all "un-truths" and that which is counterfeit to the truth.

2. As we read and study our Bible, one thing should stand out very clearly to anyone who is trying to obey the words of God and that is that God has stated his commands plainly.

A. There are many things mentioned in the Bible in which God expects man to do and God gives man His expectation of the "one" thing He requires in regard to His teaching.

1) We can and should understand His specific teaching. We have to have help to mis-understand His desire for us.

2) We must know, understand, and obey His one and only **"truth"** in regard to His instruction to us on various subjects in His Holy and inspired Word.

3. In this afternoon's lesson we will see the **"oneness"** that has been given by God, while at the same time we are aware of the **"many"** used by those who claim to be religious which are contrary, counterfeit to **"the truth."**

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1. God has given man “one” church.

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood.

A. The world has “many” churches.

2. Man is reconciled to God only in the “one” church.

Ephesians 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God **in one body** through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to **the church, which is His body**....

A. The world says that people can be reconciled to God outside of His church.

3. There is only “one” way to the Father.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father **except through Me**.

A. The world teaches that there are many ways to have access to the Father.

4. There is only “one” body.

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

- A. However, the world teaches that there are many bodies (churches), most of which will be saved.**

5. There is only “one” spirit.

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

- A. In the religious world there is a belief of many spirits.**

6. There is “one” baptism.

Ephesians 4:5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**

- A. We have seen in the world that there are various ways that one can be baptized (sprinkling, emersion).**

7. There is “one” name.

Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The **churches of Christ** greet you.

- A. Every Bible Christian is “of Christ,” yet most every religion takes the name of humans (Calvin, Luther), or a man made creed (Mormon, Presbyterian, etc.)**

8. There is “one” faith.

Ephesians 4:5 one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism

- A. In the denominational world there are many different faiths.**

9. There is “one” fold.

John 10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be **one flock** and one shepherd.

- A. **Most people think that any church that one is in will also make them part of the flock of Christ.**

10. There is “one” place to build.

Matthew 7:24-Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who **built his house on the rock**:

- A. **Most build their beliefs on the doctrines of men.**

11. There is “one” vine.

John 15:1-6

- A. **Again, most religious believe that any “Christian” type of religion is alright and therefore the branches represent various churches coming out from the vine.**

12. There is “one” bride.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also **Christ is head of the church**; and He is **the Savior of the body**.

- A. **Most religions believe that there are many brides (churches) in which Christ will save.**

Conclusion

1. **May we all strive to be obedient to Christ and understand the teaching of God – that God has told us and shown us the “one” true way to be pleasing to Him.**

