

## **THERE IS ONE – EPHESIANS 4:4-6**

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**BODY:** The “body” is the church that belongs to Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18) and Christians are members of this one body. This means that there is one church, not many different churches. God does not have many religions and denominational churches. There is only one body/church.

**SPIRIT:** There is one Holy Spirit that was sent to reveal all truth through the apostles (Jn. 16:13). The Holy Spirit will not teach different doctrines. Those who teach and practice things not found in the Bible are not guided by the one and only Holy Spirit.

**HOPE:** The one hope is eternal life with God (Matt. 25:46). It is not about collecting houses, cars, or investments of this life. The things of this earth are temporary and perishable (Matt. 6:19), but the heavenly reward is incorruptible, undefiled, and reserved for all those who put their faith in God (1 Pet. 1:3-4).

**LORD:** Jesus is our one and only Lord and Master (1 Cor. 8:6). No one on earth could replace him. Some religious and earthly leaders feel they should be revered and adored above other men. The Christian’s first allegiance is to Jesus as our Lord and Savior (Acts 5:29-31).

**FAITH:** We must put our faith in Jesus, or we will die in our sins (Jn. 8:24). The doctrine of Christ is the one body of truth that all must follow (Jude 3; 2 Jn. 9). Any other “faith” or truth is false.

**BAPTISM:** The one baptism is immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:36-38; Mk. 16:16). This is the one and only baptism commanded of men today to be saved (Acts 22:16).

**GOD:** Some religions advocate many gods (polytheism). This is a false belief. There is only one God and Father in heaven (1 Cor. 8:6). Are you listening to and obeying His Word?