

Ephesians 4:1-6 – “In Christ: Saturated in Oneness”

In a Fallen World, It Takes a Lot of Diligence to Keep Things Together – Eph 4:3

- Sign of a world gone “south” from God’s “north”

God Is Into Oneness- Deut 6:4; Mk 12:29

- Trinitarian Oneness: God fully revealed as three Persons in one Being – Eph 2:18; Ga 4:6; Jo 15:26
...an essential oneness
- Incarnational Oneness: The fullness of God and the fullness of man in One – Jo 1:1,14
...an integral oneness
- Christian Oneness: The sharing together of life with Christ and others in Him – I Cor 6:17; 12:12
...a relational oneness

What We Share in Common:

- One body: our common fellowship in Christ’s life – I Cor 12:4ff
- One Spirit: our common denominator in all things Christian – I co 12:11,13
- One hope: our common confidence in a glorious consummation – I Jo 3:2
- One Lord: our common allegiance to one Master – Jo 13:13
- One faith: our common dependence upon Christ – Acts 4:12
- One baptism: our common immersion into Christ and His church – Ga 3:27; I Cor 12:13
- One God and Father: our common partaking in the Divine Life – II Pet 1:3,4

We Are Called to Be Diligent to Walk in This Oneness – Eph 4:1-3

- Oneness and unity are never accidental, but always intentional – Eph 4:3
...the context and the contents is God’s love – Eph 4:2
...His holy passion for oneness – Jo 3:16
- Expressions of mature love: Eph 4:2
...humility: going low, bowing before one will – Ro 12:16; Phil 2:3; Matt 26:39
...gentleness: harnessed, controlled strength – Matt 11:29
...patience: waiting on God’s gracious gifts – Col 3:17
...forbearance: edify and uphold those in distress – II Tim 4:2; II Pet 3:15
- Lay down all that divides, pick up all that unites – Eph 4:1-6