

Welcome!



We're glad you're here!



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Ephesians 4:1 – 6 (ESV)



HARMONY COMES FROM SUBMITTING TO
THE **SAME MUSIC** AND THE **SAME CONDUCTOR**.

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Christian unity is not
created by ignoring differences;
it is maintained by
submitting together to
the truths God has
already made one.



HOW DO WE
**“MAINTAIN
THE UNITY
of the Spirit”?**



One Body –



Unity of the
church of Christ

John 17:17 – 19 (ESV) “17 **Sanctify** them in the **truth**; **your word is truth**. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be **sanctified in truth**.”

John 17:20 – 23 (ESV) “20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for **those who will believe in me through their word**, 21 that they may **all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they **may be one even as we are one**, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become **perfectly one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”



Does it matter what church I attend?

Yes!

Because **Jesus** has only
one body, and He—not we—
determines what that body is.



One Spirit –

Unity of Access



“26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Romans 8:26 – 27 (ESV)

Does it **matter** how I approach God? **Yes!**

There aren't many competing
spiritual paths to God.
We have access to the Father
through Christ **"in one Spirit."**



One Hope –

Unity of Purpose



“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 1:3 – 5 (ESV)



Does it matter what I pursue?

Yes!

You cannot maintain spiritual unity with people headed toward **heaven** while making this world **your ultimate destination**.



Are you in the

ONE BODY
of Jesus Christ?

