

Welcome!



We're glad you're here!



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



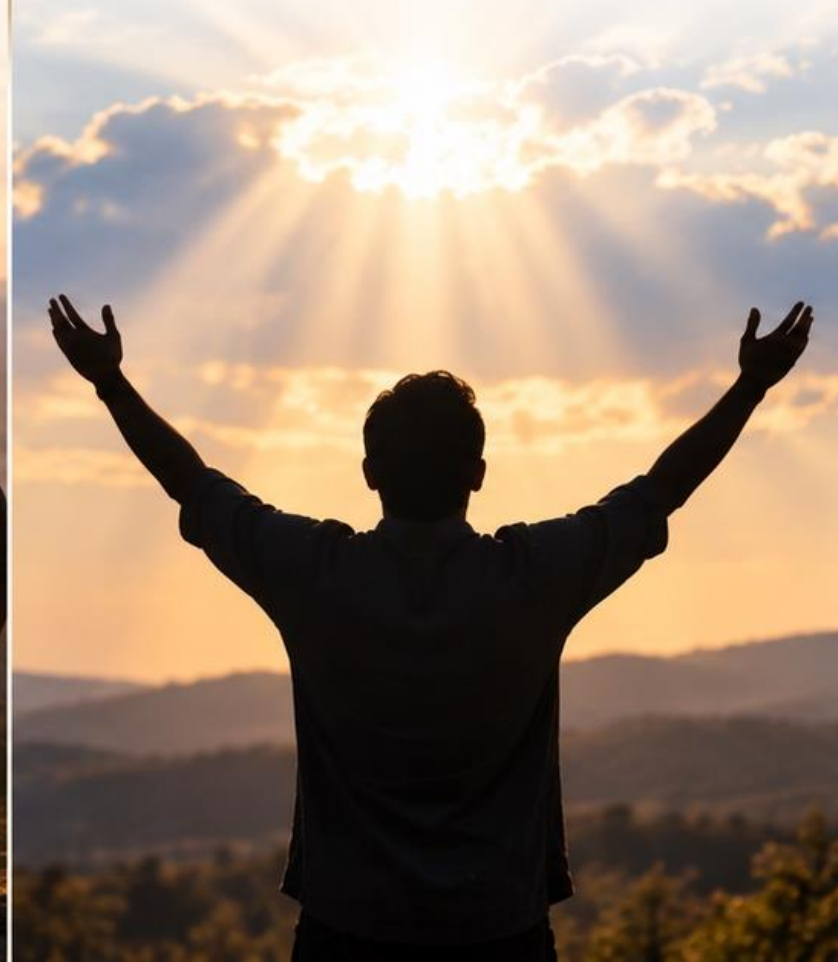
One Body

Unity of the
church of Christ



One Spirit

Unity of Access



One Hope

Unity of Purpose



In our previous study, Paul showed us that there is **one Body, one Spirit, and one Hope**. But he doesn't stop there. The unity of Christ's church also requires us to answer some very practical questions:



Who has the right to direct my life?



What am I required to believe?



Does it matter how I enter Christ?



And ultimately, whom do I fear and obey?

One Lord –

Unity of Direction



“13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

1 Corinthians 1:13 (ESV)

If we have **one Lord**, we cannot have competing authorities.

Not:

- ✗ “What does my preacher say?”
- ✗ “What does my family believe?”
- ✗ “What does my denomination teach?”
- ✗ “What seems right to me?”

But:

- ✓ What does the **Lord** say?



“46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

Luke 6:46 (ESV)



Does it matter who I follow?

Yes!

Because
there is only

one Lord!



One Faith –

Unity of Doctrine



“6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:6 – 9 (ESV)



Does it matter
what I believe
about doctrine?

Yes! Because there is
ONE Faith!



BE STABLE.
HOLD FAST.
DO NOT BE
SHAKEN.
COLOSSIANS 2:7

One Baptism –

Unity of Salvation



“27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:27 – 28 (ESV)

“3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:3 – 4 (ESV)

Does it matter how and why I am baptized?

Yes!

If baptism doesn't matter,
why did the Holy Spirit
include “one baptism”
alongside one Lord,
one faith, and one God?



One God and Father -

Unity of Reverence



In order to be an atheist you have to believe in **at least 6 miracles:**

1

**Something
from Nothing**



2

**Order
from Chaos**



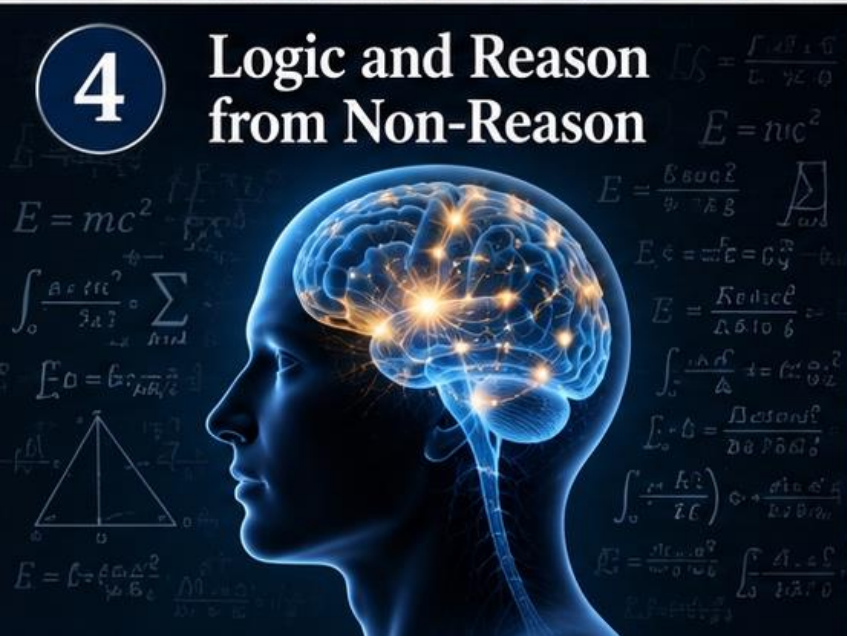
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**Life came from
Non-Life**



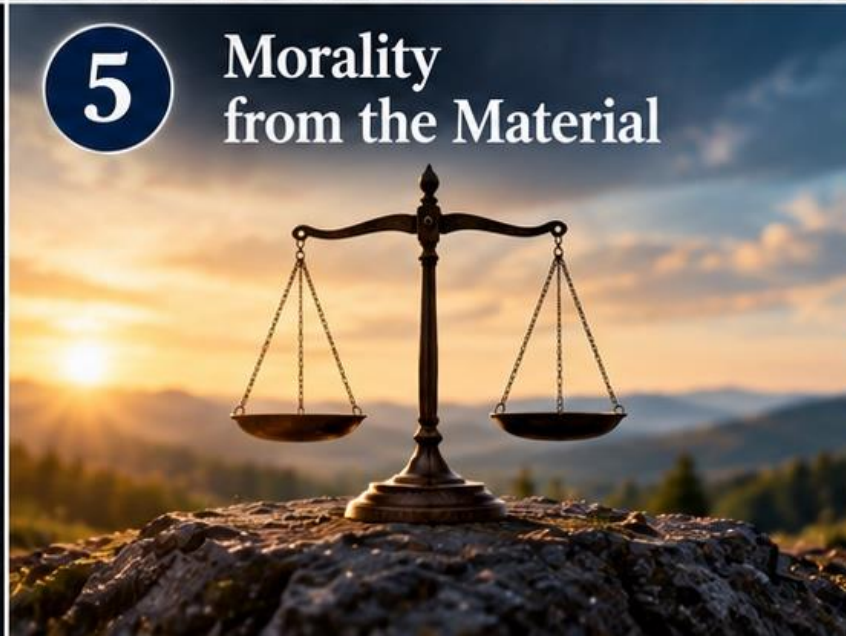
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**Logic and Reason
from Non-Reason**



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**Morality
from the Material**



6

**Beauty
from the Instinctual**



“28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 10:28 (ESV)

Does it matter what I fear?

Yes!

If there is **one God**,
there can be only
one ultimate object
of our worship,
loyalty, fear, and
obedience.



Seven Questions:

1. Does it matter what church I am part of? — One Body.
2. Does it matter how I approach God? — One Spirit.
3. Does it matter what I pursue? — One Hope.
4. Does it matter whom I follow? — One Lord.
5. Does it matter what I believe? — One Faith.
6. Does it matter how and why I am baptized? — One Baptism.
7. Does it matter whom I fear and worship? — One God and Father.



Are you in the

ONE BODY
of Jesus Christ?

