

Speaking Truth In Love

Paul taught the existence of “one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Eph 4: 5). The One Lord is Jesus Christ (Acts 2:36). The one baptism is water baptism (immersion of a penitent believer into Christ) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Gal 3:27). The one faith is everything that pertains to the gospel (Acts 6:7; Jude 3). Many believe that all the differing doctrines of all the churches constitute the “one faith”. They reason that Jesus taught this when He said, “I am the Vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5). However, Jesus explained that He is the true vine and each disciple is a branch (John 15:1-10).

Some teach that babies are born in a sinful state (but read Matt 18:3). Some teach that salvation is a matter of God’s arbitrary selection (but read John 3:16). Some believe that one is saved by faith only (but read James 2:24). Most have embraced a religion that emphasizes fun and excitement (but read 1 Tim 3: 15). Some defend homosexuality (but read Rom 1:21-28). Some just outright say, “There is NOT just one way to heaven!” (but read John 14:6; 12:48). Today there is a so-called “Christian” religion to satisfy any desire. But in New Testament times, religious and doctrinal division among God’s people was not tolerated (1 Cor 1:10-13; Jn 17:20-21; Rom 16:17; 2 John 9-11).

Dear reader, there is only “one faith”. You can learn about it in the New Testament. Unity among those professing faith in Jesus Christ can only be achieved when we believe and teach the same creed, the New Testament (Eph 4:3-6).

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