

# **Elder Vernon Johnson**

## **Numbers**

### **One -- Unity**

#### **Overview**

The number one and the subject of unity can be seen in the fact that God has often in the scriptures taken larger numbers and unified them into one. For instance, in the marriage covenant the scriptures say that they two shall be one flesh. The Jews and the Gentiles together in the Kingdom of heaven make up one fold. Likewise, the three that make up the Godhead are one God. The four living creatures in Ezekiel each one had four faces and four wings. Similarly, the four wheels each had one likeness.

The church consists of many members that make up one body. The words church or churches appear 113 times in 111 verses. One time it refers to the church in the wilderness. One time it refers to the general assembly and church of the firstborn as it pertains to all the elect of God living in glory. 111 times it refers to the new testament assembly that makes up the visible militant church of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth.

The scriptures also speak of one gospel, one faith, one Lord, one baptism, one spirit, one mind, one heart, one sacrifice, one pearl, one Shepherd, and one Lamb.