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Numbers

Unity of the Spirit

The unity of the Spirit in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is plainly set forth in the following verses:

1. 1 Cor 6:17 "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."
2. 1 Cor 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."
3. Eph 2:18 "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."
4. Eph 4:4 "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."
5. Phil 1:27 "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

An exhaustive study of the work of the Holy Spirit is far beyond the bounds of this little study. However, we will outline some of the work of the Spirit to show the unity of the Spirit in the church:

1. The Spirit regenerates the elect into spiritual life. Without this spiritual life, it is impossible for anyone to see the kingdom of God or to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). It is also impossible for the unregenerate to seek after God, to understand the things of the Spirit of God, to fear God, to do good, or to cease from sin (Rom. 3:9-17; 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Pet. 2:14).
2. The Holy Spirit also works in the gospel ministry to move them (2 Pet. 1:21) and to enable them to preach the gospel (1 Cor. 2:4; Rom. 15:19; Lk. 4:18) and to give them utterance (Acts 2:4). The Spirit also establishes their labor

in the churches (Acts 20:28) and leads them in their preaching appointments (Acts 16:6-10).

3. The Holy Spirit gave us the scriptures to govern us (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

4. The Holy Spirit unifies us through the gospel (Eph. 4:13).

5. It is through the Holy Spirit that we all have access to the Father (Eph. 2:18).

6. The Holy Spirit unifies us in the service of God (1 Cor. 6:17).

7. The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13).

8. The Holy Spirit dwells with us and in us in the church (John 14:16).

9. We worship God in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23, 24).

10. The Holy Spirit leads us in the pathways of life (Rom. 8:14) and to cry out unto our Father (Rom. 8:15) and to testify that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16).

11. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for each of us (Rom. 8:26).

12. The Spirit gives spiritual gifts to each of the members of the church and they all work in harmony with one another (1 Cor. 12:11).

13. The Spirit manifests the same spiritual fruit to each of the elect: Gal. 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

14. The Holy Spirit writes God's laws in the heart and mind of each of the elect (2 Cor. 3:3; Heb. 8:10; Heb. 10:16; Rom. 2:15).

15. The Spirit shall quicken our mortal bodies in the resurrection (Rom. 8:14)