

Many members. One body
united in Christ.



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Ephesians 4:4-6

One Lord

➤ “...and in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father...” (Nicene Creed)

➤ What is a “Lord”?

➤ Ruler

➤ Master

➤ King

➤ God

➤ Head

➤ Who was our lord and whom did we serve
before Jesus?

➤ “And if Satan is also divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand.” (Luke 11:18)

➤ How did Jesus become “our Lord”?

➤ What is the meaning of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed? (See FITW)

➤ Does the Lord Jesus rule over an earthly kingdom?

➤ “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world.’” (John 18:36)

➤ Where is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus?

➤ “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” (John 3:3)

➤ “He answered them, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say “Look! Here it is,” or “There!” for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.’” (Luke 17:20-21)

➤ “For where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am among them.” (Matthew 18:20)

➤ What are the benefits of living the kingdom of the Lord Jesus?

➤ Who made Jesus our Lord?

➤ Me?

➤ The Church?

➤ Jesus?

➤ How did Jesus make Himself YOUR Lord?

➤ How did Jesus make Himself MY Lord?

➤ Are there different Lords with different kingdoms for different people?

➤ So your Lord is my Lord and our Lord is the one Lord of all Christians.

➤ The one Lord is the Lord of the one Christian Church.

➤ The one Christian Church of all times and places (even those in heaven and on earth) worship the same one Lord and live under Him in His one kingdom.

➤ “Therefore with angels and archangels and
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One Faith

➤ “And the catholic (universal) faith is this...

➤ What is “faith”?

➤ “I believe in...” (fides qua creditur)

➤ “I believe that...” (fides quae creditur)

➤ The creeds confess our faith and trust in the God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.

➤ The Christian does not confess something that is unique to him, but that which is universally true of every Christian.

➤ Our faith is not in a series of facts and statements. Our faith is in God who has revealed His word and His will in Holy Scripture, the God of whom those facts and statements are true.

➤ Because there is one Lord, Jesus Christ,
there can be only one faith.

Jesus said to him: "I am the way and the truth
and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me."

John 14:6

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

“So whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 10:33

➤ I as a Christian, personally believe in and confess the same God as every other true Christian. I believe in and confess the same God as Adam and Eve, Noah, David, Elijah, John the Baptist, Paul, Ambrose, Luther, Walther, and so many others. To confess anything else, is to confess a different god.

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One Baptism

➤ “I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.”

➤ What is Baptism?

➤ “Baptism is not just plain water but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word.”

➤ Whose work is baptism?

➤ What does a person confess at his or her baptism?

➤ “I believe in...”

➤ Into whom are we baptized?

“Do you not know that all of us who have
been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death?”

Romans 6:3

➤ How many Lords died for our sins?

➤ How many Lords are there to be baptized into?

➤ There is one Lord's Supper that continues to be celebrated. There is one baptism, Jesus' baptism, that continues to be poured out.

- The one baptism gives all the same things to everyone who receives it
- 1) the open gates of paradise
- 2) the promised Holy Spirit
- 3) the adoption as sons

‣ There is one Lord...

➤ ...and there is one faith that confesses the
one Lord...

➤ ...and there is one baptism by which we are joined to that one Lord and are given the new birth of His resurrection.

➤ “Therefore with angels and archangels and
all the company of heaven...”

