



One Lord and One Faith

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The Basis for Unity

- “One Body” – Unity of Organization
- “One Spirit” – Unity of Revelation
- “One Hope” – Unity of Desire
- “One Lord” – Unity of Authority
- “One Faith” – Unity of Practice
- “One Baptism” – Unity of Obedience
- “One God and Father” – Unity of
Worship



Many "lords" in religion

- *The Pope of Rome*
 - Proof? "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and *on this rock I will build My church*, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18)



Many “lords” in religion

- Question - Is the “rock” Peter or his confession?
- Let the Bible answer:
 - “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11)



Many “lords” in Religion

- *The Church*

- Church is the ground and pillar of the truth – not the originator of TRUTH
- Bible: “but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15)



Many "lords" in Religion

- *The Conscience*

- Can be wrong
- Bible "'Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, 'Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day'" (Acts 23:1) Yet Paul persecuted the church before his conversion!



The One Lord is Jesus

- He has all authority in heaven and earth
 - ""And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth'"



Who is your lord?

- A good test is found in Lk 6:46
 - “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?”
 - Are WE doing the things He says?



“One Faith” – Unity of Practice

- The word “faith” is used in different senses in the Bible.
 - *Comprehensively*: includes belief, obedience and trust (Rom. 5:1)
 - The *object of faith*, the things believed (Gal. 1:23; Acts 6:7; Jude 3)



Creeds:

- Apostles Creed
- Nicene Creed
- Philadelphia Confession of faith
- Standard Manual for Baptist Churches



Apostles Creed (Received Form)

- "I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only (begotten) Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."—International Standard Bible Encyclopedia



The Bible is our ONLY Creed

- “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book”
(Rev 22:18-19)