

One Baptism & One God

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The Basis for Unity

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- **“One Spirit” – Unity of Revelation**
- **“One Hope” – Unity of Desire**
- **“One Lord” – Unity of Authority**
- **“One Faith” – Unity of Practice**

“One Baptism”

- **Bible baptisms**
 - **John’s (Matt. 3:1-6)**
 - **Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 11:15)**
 - **Water (Acts 8:38)**

“One Baptism”

- **Which one?**
 - **Not John’s – they had to be baptized again (Acts 19:1-5)**
 - **Not Holy Spirit baptism - it was a promise to a select few (Matt. 3:11; Acts 2 & 11)**
 - **The “One Baptism” is water baptism – a promise to all until the Lord comes back (Acts 2:38-30)**

“One God and Father”

- **“One God”**
 - Only one (Deut. 6:4)
 - Made up of three persons (Gen. 1: 26)
 - “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied” (1 Pet. 1:2)

“One God and Father”

- Father of *all believers*
- A father
 - *Provides* for His children (Jas. 1:17)
 - *Loves* His children (Rom. 5:8)
 - *Disciplines* His children (Heb. 12:5-6)

“One God and Father”

- ***“Who is above all”***
 - All things are in control of God
 - Nebuchadnezzar learned that (Dan. 4:34-35)
- ***“Through all”***
 - Refers to the providence of God
 - Example: Israel in Egypt
- ***“In you all”***
 - God dwells in us (Eph. 2:22; Jno. 14:23)

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