

COMMUNION: IN ONE

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ONE IN CHRIST

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

~ Galatians 3:28

1. What Does It Mean to Be One

- a. Communion = to join two or more things together into one.
- b. *“ye are all one in Christ Jesus”* – what does this mean?
- c. There are hundreds of denominations, many different churches/religions...
- d. *“two shall be one ...”* – Gen 2:21-24, Eph 5:31-32
- e. Does it mean same place, looks, personality, job, talent, skills, physical attributes? No.
- f. People find commonality in many superficial ways... anything deeper divides.
- g. Our communion in Christ and with each other goes beyond the surface.

2. What Makes Us One

- a. *“one in Christ Jesus”* – Gal 3:28... without Christ we are not one
- b. Eph 4:3-6 → Describing what is one = unity and peace (not disunity and discord)
- c. One body = We are all members of one - 1 Cor 10:16, 12:12, Eph 2:15, Col 3:15
- d. One Spirit = Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 3:16, 12:4-6 – our service is to the spirit
- e. One hope of your calling = Col 1:27, Rom 5:2, 8:18, Phil 3:20
- f. One Lord = Jesus Christ, two be one body means to have the same head. 1 Cor 10:3
- g. One faith = This is what we believe – the message, gospel, this is where it gets shaky
 - i. What do you believe? Phil 1:27, what do you speak? 1 Cor 1:10
- h. One baptism = Gal 3:27, 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:1-3 – one identity, this gets deep.
- i. One God and Father of all – Why is there only one way? Any more would be divisive.
 - i. Father, Son, Spirit = Phil 2:2-3, 2 Cor 13:14 – like minded.
- j. To be one means to have the same purpose, means, message, head (mediator)
- k. The diversity comes from the delivery and the duties. Different members, one body.

3. How Do We Become One

- a. The gospel of Christ makes us one in Christ, but we can operate as one, or not.
- b. Phil 2:3-11 – We need to be likeminded, with the mind of Christ.
- c. Col 2:2 – We are knit together by love and the shared riches of understanding
- d. None of us know all the answers, are righteous in ourselves, has all the zeal, capability, opportunity, strength, courage, etc... but we can be one in the one who does.
- e. Christ has given us all access to the riches of his grace so that we can be one in each other and help one another grow up into him – Eph 4:13-15