

Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

“Seven Truths about the People of God” – Ephesians 4:4-6

I. Introduction

A. Studying numbers within Scripture.

1. Not hidden codes or messages.
2. Rather the use of numbers as employed by Bible authors

B. Text

1. The number of one is employed seven times.

II. Exposition

A. One Body, verse 4.

1. Paul's remarks to Corinth.
I Corinthians 12:21-26

B. One Spirit, verse 4.

1. Attention is upon what was done at conversion.
 - a. All are saved the same way.
 - b. Spirit as a pledge to all, Ephesians 1:4.

C. One Hope, verse 4.

1. Not hope in something uncertain.
2. Hope is in something sure and certain.
3. The church may be divided over many things, but has a unified goal.

a. Barclay – world redeemed for Christ.

b. Lord's prayer – Matthew 6:10.

D. One Lord, verse 5.

1. There is only one.
 - a. Yet, Christians easily want to divide.
 1. John T. McNeil

E. One Faith, verse 5.

1. There must be unity of the essential make up of the gospel.
 - a. One faith, Jude 3.

F. One Baptism

1. Paul is not concerned with modes.
2. Baptism is a testimony to unity in Christ.

G. One God and Father of All, verse 6.

1. Paul introduced the concept of the Trinity in Ephesians 1:3, 5, 13 (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).
2. In chapter four, he reverses the order.
Why? – Because he is arguing from the effect to the cause.

III. Point for Reflection.

A. Unity

1. Not at all costs, but we must be diligent to preserve it.
Ephesians 3:4