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God's Building Plans for His Kingdom People

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INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 4:3-6

2 Chronicles 30:12

Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them **unity** of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.

Psalms 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in **unity**...

John 17:22-23

I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one**: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to **complete unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

I. ONE _____

Verse 4a:
"There is one Body..."

1 Corinthians 12:20-21

As it is, there are **many parts, but one body**. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

II. ONE _____

*Verse 4b:
“...and one Spirit...”*

Galatians 5:19-25

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 **But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

III. ONE _____

*Verse 4c:
“—just as you were called to the one hope when you were called—”*

Titus 2:13-14

...while we wait for **the blessed hope** — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

IV. ONE _____

*Verse 5a:
“...one Lord...”*

Galatians 3:28 (The Message)

In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, **we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.**

V. ONE _____

*Verse 5b:
“...one faith...”*

Philippians 1:27

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in **one spirit**, contending as **one man** for **the faith of the gospel...**

VI. ONE _____

*Verse 5c:
“one baptism...”*

Galatians 3:27-28

For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are **all one in Christ Jesus.**

VII. ONE _____

*Verse 6:
“...one God and Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, **the Lord is one.**

CONCLUSION