

The Unity of the Spirit

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Introduction:

- A. Latest figures indicate there are over 3,000 separate, recognizable religious bodies in America.
- B. This same study reported the fact of division in the church of Christ.
- C. We will answer four questions about the unity of the Spirit.
 - 1. What is it?
 - 2. Is it desirable?
 - 3. Is it possible?
 - 4. How can we attain it?

I. **A Prayer** - John 17:20-21

II. **A Plea** - 1 Corinthians 1:10

III. **A Plan**: The Divine Platform - Ephesians 4:4-6

- A. One Body (unity of relationship) - Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 1:11-13
- B. One Spirit (unity of revelation) - John 16:13; Galatians 1:6-9
- C. One Hope (unity of purpose) - 1 Peter 1:3-5
- D. One Lord (unity of authority) - Acts 10:36; Matthew 28:18; Colossians 3:17
- E. One Faith (unity of doctrine) - Jude 3
- F. One Baptism (unity of entrance requirements) - Romans 6:3-4
- G. One God (unity of worship) - John 4:23-24; Matthew 15:9

Conclusion:

- A. Indeed, the unity of the Spirit is a desirable and achievable goal. - Psalm 133
- B. If we will follow the divine plan, we will attain it. - Ephesians 4:4-6