

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

Ephesians 4:1-10

OUR CALLING AND UNITY

- **Ephesians 4:1-3:** WALK WORTHY - To walk worthy is a call for a community, not just an individual.

UNITY IN THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

- **Ephesians 4:4-6:** One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father. Unity is essential and worth fighting for.
- **Ephesians 4:7-13:** Unity does not mean uniformity; varied gifts and roles are given for building up the body.

ONE BAPTISM? – A Biblical Approach to Baptism

THE SIGNIFICANCE AND PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

- **Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12:** Baptism signifies our identification with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
- **Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38:** Commanded by Jesus, baptism is a public testimony of inward transformation and declares our commitment to follow Christ.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF BAPTISM

- **Who?** Believers who have made a personal decision to follow Jesus (Acts 2:41; 8:12).
- **When?** Typically, promptly after a profession of faith (Acts 16:31-33; 22:16).
- **Where?** Anywhere with enough water for immersion, ideally with the gathered church (Acts 8:36-38; Matthew 3:13-16).

RESPONSE

1. Embrace your new identity in Christ and live a life of response, worthy of your calling.
2. Prioritize unity and love within Christian community.
3. If not baptized, prayerfully consider taking this important step in faith.

Key Scriptures:

- **Romans 6:1-14:** Basis for baptism and our new life in Christ.
- **Ephesians 4:1-6:** Call to unity and to walk worthy of our calling.
- **Colossians 2:12:** Baptism as identification with Christ's resurrection.
- **Acts 2:41; 8:12; 16:31-33; 22:16:** Immediate baptism following faith.
- **Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38:** Great Commission and the command to baptize and be baptized.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 @ 10:45AM Baptism
May 19 @ 12:15 TKC Seniors Fellowship Lunch
May 19 @ 12:15 Young Adults Lunch
Jun 7 @ 6:30pm Young Adult Summer Series
Jun 18-21 Vacation Bible School



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