



“ONE BODY”

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THERE IS “ONE BODY”

- There is only “one” spiritual “body” positively recognized by God (Eph. 4:4).
 - *The "body" is the church (Eph. 1:22-23), consisting of all saved people (1 Cor. 12:12).*
 - *Though there are many members, all Christians are united in one body and under one head, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:20; Rom. 12:5; Col. 1:18).*
- The “one body” is not to be divided (John 17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13).
 - *The concept of man-made denominations practicing different forms of worship, engaging in different methods of religious "good works," and believing and establishing different doctrines about Christ, salvation, and the rule of His kingdom all contradict the simplicity of God's design in there being one body in subjection to the one Spirit's inspired revelation that we know as the New Testament, all under the authority of the one God and one Lord, Jesus Christ.*

ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO BE PLACED INTO THE “ONE BODY”

- To be in Christ is to be in His body, but to be in Christ one must first be baptized in water to become one with Him (1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 2:11-13; Rom. 6:1-6).
 - *Water baptism is the "one baptism" (Eph. 4:6) which unites all believers together (John 3:5).*
 - *All Christians are united in the fact that they have been baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). None are in Him nor His one body without being baptized.*
 - *Water baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16) by putting us in contact with the blood of Christ to wash away our sins (Acts 22:16), granting people the opportunity for God to place them in the one body of Christ (Acts 2:38).*
 - *Upon repenting and being baptized in water, the Lord added these people to His body (Acts 2:47). It is impossible to deny, then, that water baptism is vitally important to enter the "one body" of Christ.*

ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN AFTER BEING PLACED INTO THE “ONE BODY”

- After the Lord adds us to His body upon our baptism, we must then see to it that we work and worship with a local body of people seeking to remain unified within the one universal body of Christ.
 - *Many religious people claim there is no need to go to church or be a member of a local congregation once they become members of what has been termed the "universal" church. Yet, the scriptures teach the exact opposite (Acts 9:18, 26).*
 - *Working and worshipping with a local body of the Lord's people is fundamental to our service to God (Heb. 10:24-26).*
 - *Members of a local body of Christ, as guided by the one Spirit's revelation via the Scriptures, work together in view of and in fellowship of the same singular hope (Heb. 10:19-25), which is Heaven itself.*

UNITY OF THE “ONE BODY”

- Those making up the body of Christ are "one" because we have a shared bond, including:
 - *common authority (Col. 3:17),*
 - *common fellowship (Acts 2:42),*
 - *common faith (Jude 3),*
 - *common newness of life (Rom. 6:1-6),*
 - *common love (Rom. 5:6),*
 - *and a common salvation (Rom. 6:23).*
- All who are united in the one body are ultimately saved by hope (Rom. 8:18-25).
- Those outside the body, on the other hand, have no hope (Eph. 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:13).
 - *Won't you consider becoming part of this wonderful body so you can share in the "one hope" of Christ (Eph. 4:4) and partake in all the blessings Jesus offers through being part of Him?*