

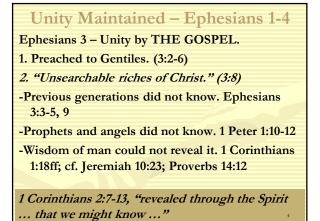
### Unity Maintained – Ephesians 1-4

- Ephesians 1 Unity is IN CHRIST. (1:3)
- 1. Heard Ephesians 1:13; Romans 10:17
- 2. Believed Ephesians 1:13; Acts 19:5, 18
- 3. Repented Acts 19:19; 20:21
- 4. Confessed Acts 19:18; Romans 10:9-10
- 5. Baptized Acts 19:5; 2:38

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Ephesians 2 – Unity is based upon THE FOUNDATION (Apostles and prophets).

- 1. "Dead in ... sin" Alive in Christ (2:5)
- 2. "Reconciled" in Christ. (2:14-16)
- 3. Preached Christ. (2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:11)



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# Ephesians 4 "KEEP THE UNITY ..."

- Who is to keep the unity?
- a. Those united *"in Christ"* upon the basis of the word of Christ!
- b. Those who heard and obeyed "the word of truth." (1:13)
- c. Those placed squarely *"upon the foundation."* (2:20)
- d. Those who accepted the preaching of "the unsearchable riches of Christ." (3:8)
- e. NO ONE ELSE!

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How can these "keep the unity?"

- a. By keeping Christ and his word. This keeps Christians one with Christ. cf. John 8:31
- b. Unity with Christ and his people is broken when one persists in believing, practicing and teaching things not found in *"the word of truth!"*
- c. To embrace the doctrines of men is to slip off *"the foundation"* and out of the *"unity of the spirit"* and to depart from the *"unsearchable riches of Christ."*

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Ephesians 4:4-6	
One God -	Unity in Worship - Revelation 22:9; Matthew 4:10; John 4:24.
One Lord -	Unity in Authority - Matthew 28:19; Colossians 3:17.
One Faith -	Unity in Message - Jude 3.
One Baptism	- Unity in Practice - Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13.
One Body -	Unity in Organization - 1 Corinthians 12:20;

#### Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:25. One Hope - Unity in Desire - Hebrews 6:19; 1 Corinthians 15:19; Romans 8:24-25.

One Spirit - Unity in Revelation - John 16:13.