

One

Mathematically, one is a cardinal whole number. In computer programming, one combined with zeroes becomes a binary code. Relationally, the 1970's band Three Dog Night wants you to believe that one is the loneliest number. It can also be a very selfish number if we are only looking out for "numero uno."

Biblically, the number "one" is pregnant with meaning. The Scripture teaches that God is one. One captures the heart of Jesus' prayer for the church (John 17). The apostle Paul urges believers to guard the unity of the church in Ephesians 4:3. The Spirit's emphasis on "oneness" inspires Paul to rehearse all the other "ones" that should matter to us: there is only one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. May we come away from this series committed to God's view of "one."

"The Body"

Text: Eph.4:3-4; Eph.2:14-18; Gal.3:28; 1 Cor.12:12-13

Big Idea: THE CHURCH IS UNIQUELY ONE

(Sermon Notes)

In our small town, more than 30 different churches are listed in the phone book. Yet the Bible teaches that there is only one true Church. That's why it's so important for us to grasp what it means to be "The Body", so we can do our part...

(1) CHRIST CREATED A NEW HUMANITY

By Reuniting Two Conflicted People Groups

Making The Two, One

Through The Cross

(2) THIS NEW BODY IS UNIQUELY ONE

There Are No Divisions Based Upon...

Ethnicity/Race

Class

Gender

Age

Together, We Are All One In Christ

He Is The Head Of The Body, His Church

(3) OUR PART IS TO PROTECT THIS UNIQUE ONENESS

Making Every Effort

To Keep Unity Of The Spirit

By Preserving...

By Promoting...

By Protecting...

By Praying...