

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."

"Dial 1-2-7 HOPE"

Text: Colossian 1:27 (pg 876); Hebrews 6:17-20 (pg 891); Titus 2:13 (pg 887); Hebrews 10:23 (pg 894)

Big Idea: IN CHRIST, OUR HOPE IS SECURE

(Sermon Notes)

In this tumultuous world, many people struggle to hang on to hope as they look ahead to a future increasingly hidden by dark clouds of chaos & despair. Christians live in the same world, but have a rock-solid hope that has been anchored to heaven above by Jesus...

(1) WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "ONE HOPE?"

(2) WHY IS HOPE SO CRUCIAL TO US?

(3) WHAT ARE SOME OBSTACLES TO HOPE?

F_____

D_____

U_____

(4) WHO IS OUR HOPE TIED TO?

(5) HOW DOES OUR HOPE WORK?

We Have One Hope in H_____

We Have One Hope on E_____

He Is E_____