

Unity - One Faith

— One Body, One Spirit, One Hope —

— Ephesians 4:4 —



What is the One Faith?

- ◇ The one faith is the teachings and doctrines of Jesus.
- ◇ It is the teachings about the life, character, and sacrifice of Jesus and our transformed lives to follow his example.
- ◇ **Galatians 2:20** - 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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- ◆ The teachings regarding salvation, worship, and the church.
- ◆ **Ephesians 4:4-6** - 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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BEING STEADFAST WITHIN IT

Standing In Our Faith

- ◆ **1 Corinthians 16:13-14** - 13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.

Continuing In Our Faith

- ◆ **Acts 14:22** - ...22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.
- ◆ **Colossians 1:23** - 23 ...if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Holding To Our Faith

- ◆ **With a pure conscience.**
- ◆ **1 Timothy 3:9** - 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
- ◆ **Show No Partiality**
- ◆ **James 2:1** - My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

Keeping Our Faith

- ◆ **2 Timothy 4:7** - 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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NOT FALLING AWAY FROM IT

Some Fall Through False Teaching

- ◆ **1 Timothy 4:1** - Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons...

Paul's Warning to Timothy

- ◆ **1 Timothy 6:20-21** - 20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” 21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

Some Fall By Not Practicing Their Faith

- ◆ **1 Timothy 5:8** - 8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- ◆ **1 John 1:5-6** - 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Some Are Self-Deceived

- ◇ 1 Timothy 6:10 - 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
- ◇ 2 Timothy 3:8 - 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

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BEING ENCOURAGED BY IT

Encouraged by Our Faith

◆ **It Centers on Christ**

◆ **Galatians 2:20** - 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

◆ **It Nourishes**

◆ **1 Timothy 4:6** - 6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. (NKJV)

Encouraged by Our Faith

◆ It Strengthens

◆ **Acts 16:5** - 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

◆ It Rebukes

◆ **Titus 1:13** - 3 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith...

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CONTENDING FOR IT

Contending For the Faith

- ◆ **Jude 1:3** - 3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
- ◆ **1 Timothy 6:12** - 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.