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There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; Eph. 4:4,5

I. One Process to Avoid Idolatry

- A. One Body = Goal
- B. One Lord & One Spirit = Key
- C. How does one practice the call? One process
- D. Believe (Faith) --- Expect (Hope) --- Do (Remember)

II. One Faith (*pistis*) Believe = Confidence in PRESENT reality

- A. Based on WHO God is in history and theology
- B. The promise is only as good as the capability of promiser
- C. Faith is the unseen evidence in the heart (Heb. 11:1)
- D. One faith means a choice to trust THIS source not others (I Tim. 6:12, Eph. 6:16)

III. One Hope (*elpis*) Expect = expectation of FUTURE realization

- A. Based on WHAT God has said (Promise/covenant) (Rom. 15:13)
- B. The SIX covenants in history reveal God's faithfulness
- C. One Hope means a choice to expect help from THIS source not others (Eph. 1:11-13)

IV. One Baptism (*baptisma*) Remember = Outward sign in the PAST that continues

- A. Based on true faith + full hope in Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3-5)
- B. Baptism is one of the sacraments where we make commitments to God
- C. The other parts of our walk with Christ can be hidden – this is public!
- D. Walking with God is a series of new commitments made to God!