

There Is One God and Father of All  
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

Introduction:

1. In Ephesians 4:4-6, seven very special subjects are listed.
2. In our lesson we are focusing our attention on the "*one God and Father of all*" mentioned in vs.6.

Discussion:

- I. LET US IDENTIFY THE "*ONE GOD*" UNDER CONSIDERATION
  - A. This is where we need to begin because:
    1. the Holy Spirit is called "*God*" (Acts 5:3-4)
    2. Christ is called "*God*" (John 1:1, 14).
  - B. In vs.6, the "*one God*" under consideration is the "*Father*."
- II. LET US IDENTIFY 3 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE "*ONE GOD*"
  - A. First, He is the Father "*of all*," including Jews and Gentiles (Romans 3:29-30).
  - B. Second, He is "*above all*."
    1. The Father is in heaven.
      - a. (Matthew 6:9) "*Our Father which art in heaven*."
      - b. (Matthew 23:9) "*And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven*."
    2. (Isaiah 40:22) God sits "*upon the circle of the earth*."
  - C. Third, He is "*through all, and in you all*."
    1. A similar statement is found in 1 Corinthians 8:6.
    2. God is through all and in all because He created everything (Genesis 1).
    3. God created man "*in His own image*" (Genesis 1:27).
- III. HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT THE "*ONE GOD*" EXISTS?
  - A. Good advice is given in Psalm 46:10 -- "*Be still, and know that I am God*."
  - B. Listen to the heavens and the great objects in the heavens (Psalm 19:1-6).
    1. The sun, the moon, and the stars have a message for us.
    2. Their message can be heard in any language.
    3. The great objects in the heavens "*declare the glory of God*."
  - C. What about the person who denies that God exists? (see Psalm 14:1)
- IV. LET US ALLOW THREE OF GOD'S GREAT TEACHERS TO EXPLAIN CERTAIN THINGS ABOUT HIM
  - A. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) Solomon realized:
    1. what is important -- fearing God and keeping His commandments (vs.13)
    2. why it is so important -- everyone will face God in judgment (vs.14).
  - B. (Acts 17:22-31) In Athens, Paul taught that:
    1. there is one true God
    2. God cannot be compared to any image
    3. God requires everyone to repent
    4. God has appointed a day of judgment.
  - C. (Luke 15:7, 10, 20-24) Jesus showed how the Father feels when a sinner repents.

Conclusion:

1. This evening we will cover some additional information revealed in the Bible concerning the "*one God and Father of all*."
2. Psalm 46 shows how "*God is our refuge*."