

## There Is One Spirit

### Introduction:

1. In Ephesians 4:4-6, seven unique subjects are listed.
2. We are presently studying a series of lessons designed to help us know the truth concerning these subjects.
3. Jesus revealed the key to knowing the truth concerning these subjects in John 8:31-32.
4. In this lesson we are focusing our attention on the "*one Spirit*" mentioned in vs.4.

### Discussion:

- I. ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, THE "*ONE SPIRIT*" IS THE HOLY SPIRIT
  - A. The "*one Spirit*:"
    1. is a member of the Godhead (Matthew 28:19-20)
    2. was present at the Creation (Genesis 1:1-2, 26a)
    3. is eternal -- He is referred to as "*the eternal Spirit*" in Hebrews 9:14.
  - B. The "*one Spirit*" is known by a variety of names, including:
    1. "*the Comforter*" (John 14:26)
    2. "*the Spirit of truth*" (John 16:13)
    3. "*God*" (Acts 5:3-4).
- II. ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, THE "*ONE SPIRIT*" SPEAKS
  - A. The way He speaks is revealed in Hebrews 3:7-11 (Psalm 95:7-11).
  - B. This helps us to understand how God's Word is "*the sword of the Spirit*" (Ephesians 6:17).
  - C. We must listen to the "*one Spirit*" as He speaks through the Word (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).
- III. ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, THE "*ONE SPIRIT*" PROVIDES SPECIAL BLESSINGS TO GOD'S PEOPLE
  - A. In Acts 2:38 the Bible reveals when we gain access to the blessings He provides.
  - B. One blessing is revealed in Romans 8:26-27 -- He intercedes for Christians when we pray.
  - C. Through God's Word, the "*one Spirit*:"
    1. leads Christians (Romans 8:14)
    2. strengthens Christians (Ephesians 3:16)
    3. is a witness to Christians (Hebrews 10:15-17).
- IV. ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT RELATE TO THE "*ONE SPIRIT*"
  - A. Positive responsibilities include:
    1. walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-17)
    2. bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
    3. living in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
    4. sowing to the Spirit (Galatians 6:7-8)
    5. being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).
  - B. Activities that must be avoided include:
    1. grieving the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)
    2. quenching the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
    3. doing despite unto [insulting] the Spirit (Hebrews 10:29).