

There Is One Lord

Introduction:

1. At the present time we are studying a series of lessons designed to help us know the truth concerning the seven unique subjects listed in Ephesians 4:4-6.
2. Previously, we have examined the *"one body,"* the *"one Spirit,"* and the *"one hope."*
3. In this lesson we are focusing our attention on the *"one Lord"* mentioned in vs.5.

Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST IDENTIFY THE *"ONE LORD"*
 - A. This is where we need to begin because the Bible uses the word "lord" in different senses.
 1. Sometimes *"lord"* is used in reference to men.
 - a. (1 Peter 3:6) Sarah called Abraham *"lord."*
 - b. In His parable of the talents Jesus identified one of the characters as *"the lord of those servants"* (Matthew 25:19).
 2. *"Lord"* is also used in reference to God and Christ.
 - a. God is called *"Lord"* in Matthew 22:37.
 - b. Christ is also called *"Lord."*
 - 1) (Luke 2:11) When Jesus was born an angel identified Him to the shepherds as *"Christ the Lord."*
 - 2) Throughout the New Testament Jesus is called *"Lord"* many times.
 - a) (Acts 2:36) In his sermon on Pentecost, Peter said that God had made Jesus *"both Lord and Christ."*
 - b) (Acts 10:36) While he was teaching at the home of Cornelius, Peter also said that Jesus *"is Lord of all."*
 - B. Who is the *"one Lord"* mentioned in Ephesians 4:5?
 1. In 1 Corinthians 8:6 Jesus is identified as the *"one Lord."*
 2. According to Romans 10:12, Jesus is *"the same Lord over all,"* including the Jew and the Greek.
 - II. AS THE *"ONE LORD,"* JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY
 - A. Jesus claimed to have all authority (Matthew 28:18).
 - B. Jesus received His authority from the Father (John 17:1-2).
 - C. Jesus demonstrated His authority in many ways, including:
 1. His teaching (Matthew 7:28-29)
 2. His miracles (Matthew 8:23-27)
 3. His forgiving sins (Matthew 9:1-8)
 4. His casting out unclean spirits (Mark 1:23-27).
 - D. Jesus continues to demonstrate His authority through His position as the head of the *"one body"* (Colossians 1:18).
 - III. AS THE *"ONE LORD,"* JESUS GIVES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO HIS FOLLOWERS
 - A. Examples:
 1. He wants every one to confess that He is *"Lord"* (Philippians 2:9-11).
 2. Confessing Jesus as *"Lord"* is a requirement for salvation (Romans 10:9-10).
 3. Just calling Jesus *"Lord"* is not sufficient -- He requires obedience to:
 - a. the Father's will (Matthew 7:21-27)
 - b. His teaching (Luke 6:46).
 - B. By complying with these and other requirements, we can be prepared for *"the day of the Lord"* (2 Peter 3:9-14).