

**THERE IS ONE BODY OF CHRIST IN YOUR TOWN**

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**Reading:** *Ephesians 2:13 – 4:16*

1. In this passage in Ephesians **the oneness of the Body of Christ is in focus.**  
2:14 made both **one**  
2:15 **one new man**  
2:16 both to God in **one Body**  
2:18 **we both** have access by **one Spirit**  
2:19 **fellow citizens**.....of the **household of God**  
2:21 in Christ **the whole building**.....a **holy temple in the Lord**  
2:22 **built together**....for a **dwelling place of God**  
3:6 **fellow heirs of the same body**  
3:15 the **whole family** in heaven and earth  
4:4 there is **one Body**  
4:12 edifying of the **Body of Christ**  
4:16 the **whole Body** joined and knit  
4:16 causes growth **of the Body**
2. God has **one family** and all who believe in Christ and receive Him are part of God's family, *Eph 3:15, Rom 15:7.*
3. **We are one because:** we have **one Saviour** we believe in.  
we have **one Cross** of salvation.  
we have **one Blood** of redemption.  
we have **one Forgiveness** of sins.  
we have **one Redemption price** paid for us.  
we have **one Word of God** to believe.  
we have **one Lord's Table** of communion.  
we have **one Resurrection** of our Lord.  
we have **one Lord** whom we worship.  
we have **one way** to the Father, *Jn 14:6.*  
we have **one Spirit of God** giving us life, *Eph 4:4.*  
we have **only one God and Father** of us all, *Eph 4:16.*
4. So the way of God tells us to **make haste to keep this unity of the Spirit** which we have been given, *Eph 4:3*, in the bond of peace.
5. No one believer or leader is perfect or faultless and so offences will come. We all fall short on many things, *Jam 3:2, Ps 130:3.*
6. Because of this **fact** Jesus has told us what He requires of us as in *Lk 6:27-38,46.*  
He says: **"Love** your enemies,  
**do good** to those who hate you,  
**bless** those who curse you, and  
**pray** for those who spitefully use you."  
(Read the rest.)

