



"The people were all farmers and shepherds, poor as Job's turkey; an uncouth lot whose speech one could hardly understand, unable to read or write; most of them pagans cursed with vice and ignorance and wild tempers."



Built in Christ Jesus:

The Ties That Bind (Ephesians 4:4-6)

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Paul gives us an acclamation, a "<u>rallying cry</u>" to gather around.

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Unity in One <u>Body</u>:

"The body of Christ is, by definition, one. Each congregation is a local manifestation of this heavenly entity, not a part of it. So although the apostle is writing about the one body which is in heaven, all that he says applies also to each local congregation, for it is here that the unity of the body is visible."

- Peter T. O'Brien, The Letter to the Ephesians

1 What <u>IS</u> here: The **Trinity One** Spirit One Lord One God the Father Unity in One Body One Hope

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The Hope of His Calling (Eph. 1:18, 4:4)

Christ IN you (Colossians 1:5, 26-27) A *living* hope (1 Peter 1:3, 13, 21) An eternal hope (Titus 1:2, 2:13, 3:7) An anchor for our souls (Hebrews 6:19)



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-or-

"Eat That Frog"

2 What is <u>NOT</u> here:

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<u>APPLICATION:</u> What unites us?

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Have you trained yourself for war?

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Ephesians 4:3 – "Be *diligent* to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Hymn 277: The Church's One Foundation