Outline – Sunday Service March 24, 2024

Sermon Title: The Church's ONE Foundation – Part 3

"The Bedrock of DIVINE Unity"

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:4-6

We Should eagerly ***protect* & ***preserve*** the unity of the spirit in the bond of ***peace*** for 3 reasons:**

Part 1: Our Common New ***Creation*** and Salvation He *Worked*: By ONE Spirit. Eph. 4:4

A. The Metaphor describing the unity of the Church: ONE ***Individual*** Body *of Christ.* Eph. 1:22-23; 2:16; 4:12; 5:23; 1 Cor. 12:12
B. The Mystery of the life of the Body: ONE ***Indwelling*** Spirit. Ez. 36:27; 37:4-10; John 3:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:13
C. The Ministry of the Spirit: ONE ***Inspired*** Hope for our assurance. Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; Col. 1:27; Titus 1:2; 3:7; Heb. 11:1

Part 2: Our Common ***Confession*** and Submission we *Witness*: under ONE Lord. Eph. 4:5

A. One sovereign **Master** to whom we *obediently* ***serve***: ONE Lord. 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Ps. 2:6-7; 110:1; Is. 6; Zech. 14:8-9; Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:15-23
B. One sacred **Message** and text to which we *openly* ***subscribe***: ONE Gospel (Faith). Rom. 10:8-10; Jude 1:3
C. One sacramental **Method** to which entry into *oneness* with Christ is ***seen***: ONE Baptism. Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27-28; Col. 2:12

Part 3: Our Common ***Creator*** and Sovereign we *Worship*: ONE God and Father of ALL. Eph. 4:6

A. We ***adore*** wholeheartedly the ONE True God: The Father, together with the Son and Holy Spirit. Ex. 20:3; Deut. 6:4; Mal. 2:10; 1 Cor. 8:6
B. We're ***adopted*** into ONE Family: by One Father. John 1:12-13; 17:23, 26; 1 John 3:1; Rom. 8:17, 32; Eph. 2:19; 3:6
    1. We are regenerated by the ONE will of God the Father: according to the Covenant of Redemption. John 1:12-13
    2. We are regarded as sons AND loved the same as his Son, our Savior. John 17:23, 26; 1 John 3:1
    3. We are rewarded with the same inheritance as HIS Son. Rom. 8:17, 32; Eph. 2:19; 3:6
C. He is ***Above*** all, through all, and pervasively in all members of the Church indiscriminately. Ps. 95:3; Gen. 50:20; 2 Cor. 6:16-17; Eph. 2:21-22; 3:16-21
    1. Above All = Sovereign *Prerogative*. **Ps. 95:3**; Ps. 103:19
    2. Through all = Pervasive *Providence*. **Gen. 50:20**; Rom. 8:28-30
    3. In You All = Indwelling *Presence*. **Eph. 2:21-22**; 3:16-21; 2 Cor. 6:16-17