

The First Principles

Class 5 • The Seven Ones

- We looked at the “Gospel” because it is described by Scripture as something that must be believed before baptism - One of our definitions of a First Principle
- We looked at nine (9) First Principles lectures in Acts. Lectures designed specifically to lead the hearers to faith, repentance and baptism.
- We’ve looked at nine (9) of Paul’s “Sayings of Faith”, kind of an early “Statement of Faith”
- These three sources have rounded out our Index to the First Principles nicely...
- Lastly, we’d like to look at the Seven Unities...
 - You’ll know what I’m talking about when we turn to Ephesians 4:1-7
- Ephesians 4:4-6: “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”
- Paul was appealing for the Brethren to be of unity in fellowship based on their acceptance of these seven things:
 - 1) One Body
 - 2) One Spirit
 - 3) One Hope
 - 4) One Lord
 - 5) One Faith
 - 6) One Baptism
 - 7) One God
- This has a distinct impression of being a “Statement of Faith”, so we’d like to spend some time looking at these thoughts before we conclude our Index
- If the assumption is correct, that Paul is here, simply reciting a well-known list of First Principles, then it would wise to look in his other writings for places where he uses the same words.
- We’d like to compare those places to our existing Index of First Principles

- **One Body**

- **Ephesians 2:16**

- 16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: **#6 #16**

- **1st Corinthians 10:16-17**

- 16) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
- 17) For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. **#16 #17**

- **1st Corinthians 12:12-27**

- 12) For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. **#16**
- 13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- 14) For the body is not one member, but many.
- 15) If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 16) And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- 17) If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
- 18) But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- 19) And if they were all one member, where were the body?
- 20) But now are they many members, yet but one body.
- 21) And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- 22) Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
- 23) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.
- 24) For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.
- 25) That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.
- 26) And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

- **Colossians 3:15**

- 15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **#16**

- **One Spirit**

- Ephesians 2:18

18) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **#3 #8**

- 1st Corinthians 6:17

17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **#15**

- 2nd Timothy 3:16

16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **#1**

- Philippians 1:27

27) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **#16**

- **One Hope**

- 1st Corinthians 13:13

13) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

- 1st Corinthians 15:19

19) If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **#10**

- Galatians 5:5

5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **#14**

- Colossians 1:5

5) For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; **#9**

- **One Lord**

- 1st Timothy 2:5

5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **#2 #5 #8**

- Philippians 2:11

11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Romans 5:18-19

18) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. **#14 #6**

19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

- **One Faith**

- Romans 3:22&30

22) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

30) Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. **#2 #14**

- Philippians 1:27

27) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

- Ephesians 2:8-9

8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **#14**

9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

• **One Baptism**

• Romans 6:3-4

- 3) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **#6**
- 4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **#7 #10**

• Colossians 2:12

- 12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **#7 #10**

• Galatians 3:27-29

- 27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. **#12**

• **One God**

• Romans 3:30

- 30) Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

• 1st Corinthians 8:6 **#2**

- 6) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

• 1st Timothy 2:5

- 5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **ABOVE**

• Galatians 3:19-20

- 19) Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. **#8**
- 20) Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. **#2**