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| **1** | **A Foundation for Biblical unity One Body, One Spirit, One Hope**  Ephesians 4:1-6 |
| **2** | **Jesus’ prayer before His Crucifixion**  John 17:20-23   * For all those who believe in Jesus Christ through the apostles. * *“****That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You****, that they also may be in Us… I in them and You in Me, that they may be* ***perfected in unity****.”* * **God’s plan for His children**… Ephesians 4:1-6 |
| **3** | **God hates division**   * **God hates** the one who “***spreads strife among brothers***” (Proverbs 6:16) * **Paul rebuked the brethren in Corinth for their division** through allegiance to men.  (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) * God expects ***“no division in the body”*** (1 Corinthians 12:25) * We are to **watch out for** those who ***“cause divisions and create obstacles”*** (Romans 16:17) * **It is a work of the flesh, not a fruit of the Spirit.** (Gal. 5:20) |
| **4** | **God Loves unity**   * ***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head…”*** (Psalms 133:1-2) * **Is it achievable?** * **On what basis?** |
| **5** | **How Is unity Achieved? (Ephesians 4:1-6)**  **Attitudes needed:** (vs. 1-3)   1. **Enslaved to Jesus Christ - not our own.** (Romans 6:16) 2. **Devotion (walk worthily) to our common “calling”** 3. **Humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance in love.** 4. **Diligence and effort with urgency.**  * **Seven parts to serve as the foundation for our unity.** (vs. 4-6) |
| **6** | 1. **One Body… ONE Church**   (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23)   * **Many members, one body, working together toward a unified goal!** (Romans 12:3-8;  1 Corinthians 12:12-26) * **Attached to only one Head!** (Colossians 1:18; 2:10, 19) |
| **7** | 1. **One spirit**  * **One revelation of God.** (1 Corinthians 2:10-13) * **Guided the apostles “into all truth”.** (John 16:13) * **Revealer of the “mystery”** (Ephesians 3:3-5) * **From the work of the church to how to be saved…** |
| **8** | 1. **One hope**  * **Source? The gospel.** (Colossians 1:5, 23) * **Heavenly & spiritual.** (1 Peter 1:3-4) * **Worthy waiting, enduring & persevering for**. (Romans 8:18, 24-25; 1 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 6:19) * **Ready to explain and defend.** (1 Peter 3:15) * **The glory of eternal life in heaven.** (Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) |