1 - **A Foundation for Biblical unity
One Faith - THE Faith**

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****.”*

Paul rebuked the brethren in Corinth for their lack of unity (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) and pleaded for unity and the heart and mind that fosters it in Ephesians 4:1-3.

3 - **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 one Head!** (Colossians 1:18; 2:10, 19)

4 - **2. 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)

5 - **3. One hope**

* **Source? The gospel.** (Colossians 1:5, 23)
* **Heavenly & spiritual... The glory of eternal life in heaven.** (1 Peter 1:3-4; Col. 1:5; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
* **Worthy waiting, enduring and persevering for**. (Romans 8:18, 24-25; 1 Thess. 1:3; Hebrews 6:19)

6 - 4**. One Lord**

* “Kurios” - “**supreme in authority**” who “has the **power of deciding**. **Master**… Expressive of **reverence and respect**” (John 13:13-17)
* **Ruler of all.** (Acts 2:36; Romans 10:12)
* **In my heart…In my conduct.** (Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-23;1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:19)
* **I must listen exclusively to His authoritative voice.** (Matthew 17:5; 28:18; Hebrews 1:1-2)

7 - **5. One faith**

Need to distinguish **THE faith** and **My faith**... (**Galatians 3:22-24**)

* “***Faith in Jesus Christ***…” (vs.22; cf., vs. 26)
* *“****The faith*** *which was later to be* ***revealed****”* (vs. 23)

8 - **What Is “The Faith”?**

**What did Paul preach on Cyprus?** (Acts 13:5-12)

1. ***“The word of God”*** (vs. 5 & 7; cf., Colossians 1:25; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23)
2. ***“The teaching (****doctrine****;*** KJV***) of the Lord”*** (vs. 12; Acts 13:49; cf., Acts 8:25; 19:10, 20:27)
3. ***“The faith”*** (vs. 8; cf., Acts 6:7; 2 Corinthians 13:5;
1 Timothy 6:10; 2 Timothy 4:7; Titus 1:13)

9 – **One faith - The Faith**

**What Paul preached to the Galatians?** (Galatians 1:11-23)

* ***“The gospel”*** (vs. 11)
* ***“The faith”*** (vs. 23)

**Note the exclusiveness of *“the gospel”* or *“the faith”* in verses 6 through 9!**

* **A “*different*” gospel is not “*another*” gospel!**

10 - **What Is “The Faith”?**

***“The word of God” = “The teaching (****doctrine****;*** KJV***) of the Lord”* = *“The faith”***

It’s God’s revealed will - the “whole council of God”. (Acts 20:27)

11 - **What is “The Faith”?**

**“What is believed, the contents of belief.”** (Vine)

**“The body of ‘truth’ that produces belief.”** (Arndt & Gingrich)

**God’s revealed will through the gospel.**

Remember **Deuteronomy 29:29** & **Psalms 119:160**

12 - **What are we to do with “the faith”?**

* Be continually ***“nourished”*** by it. (1 Timothy 4:6)
* Be ***“sound****”* in it*.* (Titus 1:9, 13; cf., 1 Timothy 6:3; 2 Timothy1:13; 4:3)

13 – **What are we to do with “the faith”?**

* ***“Stand firm”*** in it and ***“keep”*** it! (1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Timothy 4:7)
* Don’t ***“wander”*** or ***“go astray”*** from it. (1 Timothy 6:10, 21)

14 - **What are we to do with “the faith”?**

* ***“Strive together”*** for it. (Philippians 1:27)
* ***“Contend earnestly”*** for what has been ***“once for all delivered”***. (Jude 3)
	+ What about **those who seek to change it or go beyond it**? (2 John 9-11)