"Can We Agree?"

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INTRODUCTION

1. It is no pleasant experience to always be in violent disagreement with somebody about something.
2. Amos said, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3
3. David said agreement is good and pleasant -- Psa. 133:1
4. Paul pleaded for agreement among brethren -- I Cor. 1:10
5. Jesus prayed for unity or agreement among His disciples -- John 17: 20 - 21

I. DISAGREEMENT IN RELIGION

1. Think of the disagreement in religion.
2. Most of the people you know you are in disagreement over religion.
3. Think how wonderful it would be if you were in agreement.
4. Think how many more people could truly be converted to Christ if all religious people were agreed.
5. One of the greatest hindrances to spreading the gospel is division.
6. Division among religious bodies breeds infidelity.
7. Division among Christians hinders the progress of the gospel.
8. We preach many sermons on matters of difference between the New Testament church and the churches of men.
9. There can be no compromise between truth and error -- John 8:32
10. But, have you ever thought how easy it would be for all men, who profess to believe in God and Christ, to be in agreement?
11. In this lesson, let us consider the matter of agreement to see how easy it would be for men to agree.

II. ONE GOD

1. Surely we are in agreement that there is ONE GOD.
2. Why do we agree?
   (1) The word of God says so.
   (2) Eph. 4:6
   (3) I Cor. 8:6
   (4) Here is a great and fundamental issue upon which we can agree.
3. The reason we agree is that the word of God reveals this fact.
4. If we believe the word of God we are in agreement.

III. ONE LORD

1. We are in agreement that there is ONE LORD, the Son of God.
2. All who believe the New Testament believe in the ONE LORD.

3. That’s what the New Testament teaches:
   (1) Eph. 4:5
   (2) Acts 2: 36
   (3) Matt. 28:18
   (4) I Cor. 8:6

4. Christ is the ONE MEDIATOR -- I Tim. 2:5; John 14:6

5. If we fail to believe in Him we will die in our sins -- John 8:24

6. We can agree there is ONE LORD because the Word says so.

IV. ONE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Not only are we in agreement that there is ONE GOD and ONE LORD, we are in agreement there is ONE HOLY SPIRIT.

2. Why do we agree?

3. That’s WHAT the Word says:
   (1) Eph. 4:4
   (2) John 16:13
   (3) John 14:26

V. ONE BODY

1. Our agreement continues, if we believe the Bible.

2. There is ONE BODY of Christ.
   (1) Eph. 4:5
   (2) Eph. 1: 22 - 23
   (3) Col. 1: 18

3. This ONE BODY is the church -- Eph. 1: 22 - 23

4. This ONE BODY is made up of many members -- Rom. 12: 4; I Cor. 12:12

5. We are baptized into the ONE BODY -- I Cor. 12:13

6. This ONE BODY, the church, was built by Christ -- Matt. 16:18

7. This ONE BODY belongs to Christ -- Col. 1:24

8. Christ is the Savior of the ONE BODY -- Eph. 5:23

9. Friend, why take a chance on the destiny of your soul when there is a BODY that is right, and cannot be wrong, because it is the Lord's?

10. Can we agree on the ONE BODY? We can if we believe the Bible.
VI. ONE FAITH
1. Our agreement should continue because Paul said there is ONE FAITH-- Eph. 4:5
2. Jude said we are to "contend for the faith"-- Jude 3
3. ONE DOCTRINE of Christ-- II John 9
4. The Word of God is complete -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17

VII. ONE BAPTISM
1. Our agreement should continue because the Word of God says there is ONE BAPTISM-- Eph. 4:5
2. The act of this ONE BAPTISM is immersion -- Rom. 6:4
3. The purpose of this ONE BAPTISM is salvation from past sins:
   (1) Acts 2:38
   (2) Mk. 16:16
   (3) I Pet. 3:21
   (4) Acts 22:16
   (5) Gal. 3:27

VIII. ONE HOPE
1. The same source that impels me to believe there is ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE LORD and ONE GOD also leads me to believe there is ONE HOPE.
2. Eph. 4:4
3. That ONE HOPE is Heaven -- John 14: 1 - 6

CONCLUSION
1. I think you can see from this study that we can agree if we will be satisfied with God’s Word.
2. Speak where it speaks and be silent where it is silent.
3. Won't you come and stand with us upon the Word of God??

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