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Eph. 4:1-6

This Book: Unfolding of God's Eternal Purpose.

INT:

Stalker says: "it is perhaps the most profound book in existence...which sounds the lowest depths of Christian doctrine and scales the loftiest heights of Christian Experience." (FWCC Lect. P. 152. 1962)

Believe: When a man understands this book he cannot keep from becoming a Christian. Too impelling.

I. A RECORD OF GOD'S UNLIMITED CALL TO MANKIND. VS. 1.

A. Invitation is personal and universal. *God's Attitude.*
 Matt. 22:14. II Pet. 3:9. Rev. 22:17.

II. A RECORD OF MAN'S ATTITUDE PATTERN FOR HAPPINESS. V 2-3

A. Love that is lowly, longsuffering, meek and forbearing (to hold up). We need each other..

B. Unity of Spirit brings a bond of peace.

We: Most peaceful congregation in brotherhood!

Challenge!! Best united congregation in brotherhood!

Deepest in love " in brotherhood!

III. UNITY OF THE CHRISTIAN SYSTEM. VS. 4-6. *Simple, Clear, & sincere!*

A. One Body. Church. Denominationalism unknown! 1:18

B. One Spirit in the one body. I Cor. 12:12-13.

C. One Hope. John 6:68. Hope is anchor of soul.

D. One Lord. Acts 4:12. Ill. T. B. Larimore. Which Christ do you serve?

E. One Faith. Rom. 10:17. Gal. 1:8-9.

F. One Baptism. What: Rom. 6:3-4. Why? M. A.A. IP.

G. One God. Matt. 22:37. Ill. Lincoln would identify with any church teaching just the Great Commandments and I John 5:3.

CONCLUSION: As many Churches, Faiths and Baptisms as God's, Christ's, Spirits and Hopes.

IV. UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION IN WORLD TODAY.

A. "All going SAME PLACE but DIFFERENT WAYS."

B. Valid if Christ taught it. Matt. 28:18.

Invalid if He taught something else. DID!!!!

John 14:6. Matt. 5:13.

INV:

GOSPEL PREACHERS ARE PERMITTED TO:

Point you to the one GOD, Who gave His One Son to be our ONE LORD, that through the one FAITH, we might all possess the one SPIRIT and be baptized by one BAPTISM into one CHURCH and one HOPE. NOW!

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTEAR" (R)