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One Church

(See also #60 on web)

Ephesians 4:4-5 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, (Jesus), One faith, (the Cross), One baptism, (into Christ Jesus)

There are NO Denominations or Different Faiths in Heaven, ONLY believers or those that have a personal relationship with Jesus. RE: Born Again (John 3:3)

The world and most of the church does not know the eleventh commandment. YES you heard right, Jesus did not number it, but HE did give us a NEW commandment.

John 13:34* A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

The golden rule; do unto others as YOU would have them do unto you. AND the commandment; Love thy neighbor as thyself, is all talking about YOU, what YOU want and how YOU want to be treated. The new commandment has NOTHING to do with US, but rather the example of Jesus. YOU KNOW as He Loved, that is, unconditionally.

You see, the first church new and practiced this, they were of ONE accord and had all things common.

Acts 2:46* And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Philippians 2:2* Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

They had what Paul was talking about in Eph 4:3 UNITY in the Spirit, this is something the church has not experienced in over 2000 years except for a few throughout all these years.

Everytime there was a revival they would be united and of ONE ACCORD for a few short years, just like the first church. Man again become self centered, you know, **I, Me, My thoughts.** Do unto others as **I** want them to do unto **ME**, and love thy neighbor as **I** love **Myself**. When it's all about **Me, My Likes, What I Want** instead of Christ our example, all unity is lost. At first they were called BELIEVERS, then when the church expanded to other countries, they were called Christians or CHRIST IN. Now days you can't recite them all.

After Paul had preached in Corinth this is the first sign of what we now call denominationalism.

1Corinthians 1:12-13* Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1Corinthians 3:4* For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Then the Nicolaitans broke into the scene at Ephesus, they believed half law and half Grace, they taught the priesthood and anarchy to what the bible teaches about Grace and the Cross.

Revelation 2:15* So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

The first church had those that thought of MY needs, MY wants before others, even tho they had every right to their choice, except the lie

Acts 5:3-6 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4* Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5* And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

Maybe if the Holy Spirit did something like this today there would be ONE FAITH instead of multitudes.

There is more and more unity in the body of Christ (church) then there has been for years and as the church was in unity in the beginning, so shall it be at the end.

**I trust this will give you a greater understanding
Bro. Ken**