

What Saves Us? Sixteen Things that Save!



Outline by the late Robert Kidwell, evangelist

There are more terms of pardon than are found in any one verse; but there can never be less!

<p>SAVED BY GOD 1 Timothy 1:1, 2:3, 4:10; Psalms 7:10</p> <p>SAVED BY CHRIST JESUS Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:21; John 1:29; 14:6</p> <p>SAVED BY CHRIST'S LIFE Romans 5:10</p> <p>SAVED BY CHRIST'S BLOOD Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22</p> <p>SAVED BY GRACE Ephesians 2:8; Romans 3:23-24; Titus 2:11-12</p> <p>SAVED BY THE GOSPEL Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2</p> <p>SAVED BY THE CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD Romans 10:13; Acts 2:21; Acts 4:12</p> <p>SAVED BY WORDS Acts 11:14; James 1:21</p>	<p>SAVED BY HOPE Romans 8:24; 1 Peter 1:3</p> <p>SAVED BY CONFESSION Romans 10:9; Matthew 10:32</p> <p>SAVED BY REPENTANCE Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; 1 Peter 3:9</p> <p>SAVED BY FAITHFULNESS Acts 2:42; Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10</p> <p>SAVED BY FAITH Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 10:38; James 2:24</p> <p>SAVED BY WORKS James 2:24; Revelation 22:12</p> <p>SAVED BY IMMERSION Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:20-21</p> <p>SAVE YOURSELF (four responsibility) Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:12</p>
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Believe Confess Faithful Life
Repent Be Immersed

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If God's plan was compared to a chain, which link could be left out?



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Hebrews 11:6 Luke 13:3 Romans 10:9 1 Peter 3:21 Revelation 2:10

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Restoring
The New Testament Church
Restoring the
Oneness

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Summary of False Unities by Lee Mason

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- **Ecumenical unity.** This is a unity based on compromise. There are no absolutes here. These are groups that have an urge to merge.
- “The ecumenical movement attempts to produce Christian unity. It will only produce larger denominations.” “Bible Doctrine is minimized and compromised. Christ’s authority is seized and vested in men.”

The New Testament Church, True and Associates, Inc., page 20.

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Thoughts on Ecumenical Unity

- Some say that it is time to pursue an ecumenical spirit and seek unity and union with other believers, a unity based on the Lordship of Jesus, not on doctrine.
- The Restoration fathers started out with the vision of a mild reform.
- A unity that sets aside doctrine is not the answer to the prayer of Jesus, it is the rejection of His authority.

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- **Evangelical unity.** This is a unity that is based upon an acceptance of the idea that anyone who accepts Jesus as Lord is united. Phrases such as "ask the Lord into your heart," become commonplace, even if they have little biblical meaning. Baptism is placed in the category of a "good thing to do," but salvation itself may have little to do with it.

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- **Emotional unity.** This is unity that is based on feelings. It comes from gatherings where good people are seen and good things are heard. We are emotionally moved by their music, their messages, and even the sight of their masses. We have been taught in this age of success that "big is beautiful." It feels good.

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Ephesians 4:1-16

• Verse 3

- **PRESERVE** (*From Strong's Concordance*)
- Used 75 times and translated: keep 57, reserve 8, observe 4, watch 2, preserve 2, keeper 1, hold fast 1
- to attend to carefully, take care of ; to guard; to keep, one in the state in which he is; to observe; to reserve: to undergo something.
- Not **OBTAIN**, but **PRESERVE** – not the urge to merge!

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Ephesians 4:1-2

• How to Preserve this Unity

- By walking in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called
- By walking in all humility and gentleness, with patience
- By showing tolerance for one another in love; Not in doctrine; Philippians 2 type of tolerance

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Philippians 2:1-11 – in matters of opinion

• Verses 1-2

- Same Mind
- Same Love
- United in spirit
- Intent on one **purpose**

• 3-11

- Consider the interests of others

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Seven Pillars

Ephesians 4:4-6

- One Body
- One Spirit
- One Hope
- One Lord
- One Faith
- One Baptism
- One God and Father of all



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One Body

- Upon this rock (the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God), Jesus built His church (Matthew 16)
- It is HIS church! It is the only one!
- Go to the church of God's choice, not the church of your choice.

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One Body has One Founder and One Head

- **Founder** is Christ
 - Matthew 16:18
- **Head** is Christ
 - Ephesians 1:22-23

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One Body has One Foundation

- **Foundation** is an eternal truth
 - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God
 - Jesus is the TRUTH, so the church is built on Jesus
 - I Corinthians 3:11
 - Ephesian 2:19-20

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One Body

- **Matthew 16:13-20**
 - Jesus speaks of the church in **FUTURE TENSE**
 - NOT established in the Old Testament
 - Isaiah 2:2-4
 - NOT established by John the Immerser
 - Matthew 3:2
 - NOT established during the days of Jesus' earthly ministry
 - Luke 24:45-49
 - Acts 1:1-8

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One Body

- **Scripture Text: Matthew 16:13-20**
- Three important observations of Matthew 16:18
 - Jesus speaks of the church in **POSSESSIVE CASE**
 - NOT Luther's church
 - NOT Wesley's church
 - NOT the pope's church
 - NOT Kevin's church
 - The church which He established did not belong to the apostles; it was His very own, bought with His blood! (Acts 20:28)

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One Body**• Scripture Text: Matthew 16:13-20**

- Three important observations of Matthew 16:18
 - Jesus speaks of the church in **SINGULAR NUMBER**
 - He said “my church” NOT “churches”
 - Jesus established one church with only one way to enter and to live within that church; and even how to die in the church!
 - John 10:16
 - Ephesians 4:4-6

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One Spirit

- Holy Spirit
- Many views on the role of the Holy Spirit today
- There is only ONE Spirit and He has a Biblical role and purpose
- The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to lead people to holiness.
- The primary way this happens is through the inspired Word of God

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One Hope

- The hope of eternal life
- The hope of the resurrection
- The hope of heaven
- The hope of spending eternity with our Lord and Savior
- Blessed assurance, not wishful thinking

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One Lord

- Jesus is Lord
- He is the only Lord – Lord of lords
Master - ruler

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One Faith

- Faith is made up of two elements:
 - Trust
 - Obedience
- There are **NOT** many faiths which are all right
- The Truth that Leads to Eternal Life

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One Baptism

- Water immersion
 - Of a repentant believer
 - For the forgiveness of sins
 - Wash away your sins
 - Baptism now saves you
 - For the gift of the Holy Spirit
 - That is the ONE Spirit mentioned above

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One God and Father of all

- God the Creator
- God the Redeemer
- Most religions, unless they believe in many gods, would believe in one God

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Unity from John 13:34-35

- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

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Unity from John 17:20-26

- So that the world may believe that You sent Me
- So that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them

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Closing thoughts on Unity

- We must never reduce the content of required faith to an uncontroversial minimum ("Jesus is Lord").
- Lookout – December 12, 1993:
 - "But I've determined that if a believer acknowledges Jesus as Lord and lives a righteous life and loves the brothers and sisters, he passes the three tests of fellowship that are outlined in the first letter of John, and so is my brother or sister in Christ".

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Closing thoughts on Unity

- Doctrinal truth is affirmable. If we're not sure about true doctrine, let's study until we are convinced. If we have learned the truth, let's take a stand on it.

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Closing thoughts on Unity

- We must decide what the **essentials** of our faith are.
- We must preach, teach and stand firmly upon these essentials, **unashamed**.
- We must avoid the "*everybody else is doing it*" syndrome.

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Everybody else is doing it Syndrome

• ***Everyone else is:***

- Doing the purpose driven life!
- Going to Promise Keepers/Women of Faith!
- Uniting with the local denominational churches!
- Calling their evangelist “pastor”!
- Doing Saturday night services!

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Closing thoughts on Unity

- We must avoid temptations to unite for simply the sake of unity.
- Doctrine stands on the interpretation of Scriptures, not on mathematics.
- Rely on brothers and sisters of like faith for support and encouragement.

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