

One Church.

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Part 1: From Baptist to Anabaptist

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As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you
to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to one hope when you were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6, TNIV

Steps on the Journey

1 John 2:6, Matthew 5:43-45
1 John 3:16

Anabaptist Distinctives

Matthew 7:1-3
1 Timothy 1:15

Next Week: *One Church #2* with Ashoor Yousif, Arabic Baptist
*Sharing the history and experience of Christianity in the
Arabic world, as well as the challenge and privilege of sharing
the Gospel with Middle Eastern people.*



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Home Church Questions...

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic / Starting Conversations]

1. The idea that “I give respect if I get it” is a common attitude. What sort of culture do you think that attitude creates? Is it something that changes the world in a positive or negative way? Why do you think this is?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. What stood out to you the most in Greg’s sermon this week? What key points or comments helped you hear God speaking to you?
3. Read this week’s key passage, **Ephesians 4:1-6**.
 - a. Paul urges us to live a life worthy of the calling we’ve been given. This past week, what is one way you have poured your energy into living this way?
 - b. This passage speaks of humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with each other (holding yourself back from judging, holding up the weight of another’s problems or frustrations). In what ways does our culture (Canadian culture and/or wider evangelical church culture) work against each of these Kingdom values? In what ways does our culture support these Kingdom values? Talk about examples.
 - c. Jesus is called our one “Lord”, that is, our one Leader, Ruler, Master, Mentor. In what ways is Jesus (more than the Bible in general, or God in general) a key to Christian unity?
 - d. Some Christians use this reference to “one baptism” as their excuse for not being “re-baptized” as a believer if they were already “baptized” as an infant. The early Reformers called our movement “Anabaptists” as a slur to point out heresy, since “Ana” means to do over – literally, we were called the “Re-baptizers”, and since Paul spoke about one baptism for Christians, that language was useful to label us as heretics. What do you think about that route of reasoning? How does our understanding of what baptism is effect how we approach this issue?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. Unity takes hard work (“Make every effort...”). This week, how can you individually and/or your Huddle work and work hard toward increased unity in your home church, The Meeting House, and the wider body of Christ? Be practical, realistic, specific, and arrange to contact each other this week to see how you’re doing at this goal.

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Quotes...

Jesus prayed for the unity of the future Church. In this series we continue to celebrate our diversity while promoting our unity. We're glad you're joining us for "One Church".

The conversion of any person from one belief to another is always fascinating. Even more so is the conversion of an entire church. Today we hear from Greg Boyd on his church's journey from being Baptist to becoming Anabaptist, and how he still works to have unity with those he disagrees with.