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SERIES OVERVIEW:

- God's design and invitation to us – the church - is that we be perfectly united in mind and thought.
- The Bible gives numerous examples as to what we are to be united in and how to be united.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV) ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

THIS WEEK: UNITED IN ONE HOPE**HOPE DEFINED:**

H6960 (root verb) - **qava** - to wait (hopefully, expectantly)

H8615 (n) - **tiqvah** – a literal cord (attached, to bind with) hope, to long for

H4723 (n) - **miqveh** (from qava) - abiding, gathering together, hope, linen yarn, plenty [of water], pool.

G16580 (n) **elpis** (from **elpo** – to anticipate, usually with pleasure. – expectation (abstractly or concretely, positively good: hope, negatively bad: fear) or confidence; faith, hope.

Hope is a waiting with expectation and anticipation regarding a matter already settled and absolutely certain (bound by a cord). It is to be a pleasurable anticipation of belief, a bi-product of genuine abiding.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) - 1Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

HOPE IN WHAT? IN YOUR OBSERVABLE EVERY DAY LIFE...

- What do you hope for?
- What do you have confidence in that is supported by your words, will and walk?
- What are you willing to wait for?
- What do you always believe will be there no matter what?
- What do you gather around and for with others?
- What things are you 'bound to'?
- What do you look forward to with positive expectation and anticipation?
- What do you look forward to with negative expectation and anticipation?
- Who do you have confidence in, wait for, believe in, gather for and anticipate being with

WHAT'S THE ONE HOPE WE ARE CALLED TO? NOTICE THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV) - 3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV) - 29He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV) - 1Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 8:22-25 (NIV) - 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV) - 9Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 15:13 (NIV) - 13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you from this message on baptism? Why?
- What is the most personally challenging part of this message? Share.
- How does God's part, our part and other's part play into the topic unity in baptism?
- What is one next step you can take from this message?



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