

## One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

### A Symposium in Kilgore

Sunday, November 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Devall Student Center Ballroom

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- “Oneness” of Ephesians 4:1-16
- Select Reformation events
- Subsequent divisions
- Impact on us today
- Where do we go from here?

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<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

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<sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” <sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

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<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints[,] for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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<sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)

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- God saves sinners by grace through faith.
- Those saved do good works, including eagerly maintaining the unity He alone gives.
- The gift of the Office of the Holy Ministry is central to the unity of the faith.
- Unity is in doctrine (teaching) and practice and is expressed in acts of love.

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## Luther and the resulting Reformation did not intend to divide the church

- October 31, 1517: 95 Theses
- June 15, 1520: *Exsurge domine*  
January 3, 1521: *Decet Romanum pontificem*
- April 16-18, 1521: Diet of Worms  
May 25, 1521: Edict of Worms

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- March 15, 1529: Diet of Speyer  
April 25, 1529: “Protest” at Speyer
- October 1-4, 1529: Marburg Colloquy
- June 25, 1530: Diet of Augsburg
- 1580: *Book of Concord*

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## Subsequent divisions were also largely over teaching and practice.

- Roman Catholic
- Ulrich Zwingli and Heinrich Bullinger
- Radical / Anabaptist / Brethren / Free Church
- Jean Calvin and Theodore Beza (Reformed)
  - English Anglican or American Episcopalian
  - Scottish or American Presbyterian
- Arminian (e.g., Methodist)

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## Today’s denominations and freedom originate through the Reformation.

- Divisions over teaching and practice were evident already in Biblical times.
- Most of today’s Christian traditions have roots running to or through the Reformation.
- Modern political freedom of religion likewise has roots running through the Reformation.

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- Receive the unity God alone gives through His Word and Sacraments.
- Maintain divisions necessary to recognize genuine believers (1 Corinthians 11:18-19).
- Work together where possible.

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- Moderator: Terry Booker  
Former Dean, Liberal & Fine Arts, Kilgore College
- Panelists:
  - Rev. Daniel Dower, Christ the King Roman Catholic
  - Rev. Darwood Galaway, First United Methodist
  - Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pilgrim Lutheran
  - Rev. Scott Nowack, First Presbyterian

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