

The Nazareth Project

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...I will build my church... —Matthew 16:18

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

—Ephesians 4:1-3

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God's Intended Design
The church is a connecting community.

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Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us... Eph. 3:20

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God's Detailed Specification
The church is a believing community.

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⁴There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to the one hope that
belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith,
one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
—Ephesians 4:4-6

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One Body
One Spirit
One Hope
One Lord
One Faith
One Baptism
One God

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"Unity without verity (truth) is no better
than conspiracy." —Puritan John Trapp

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One Body

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For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. —1 Cor. 12:13

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...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and
individually members one of another. —Romans 12:5

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One Spirit

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¹⁹...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church... —Ephesians 1:19-22

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One Hope

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...who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. —Ephesians 1:14

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One Lord

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⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. —Philippians 2:9-11

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One Faith

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Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 1:3

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One Baptism

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One God and Father of All

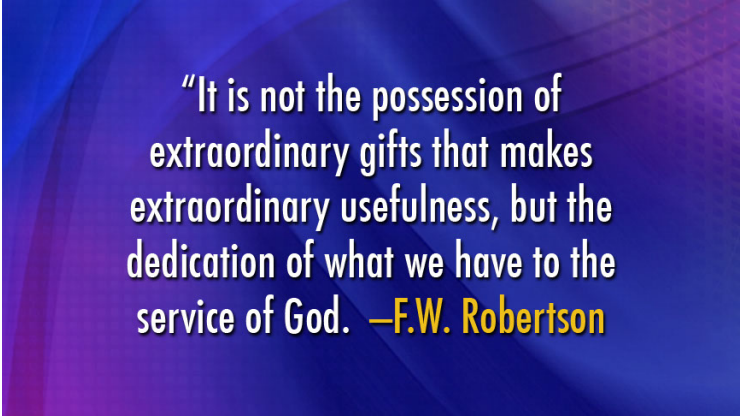
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"...over all and through all and in all..."
—Ephesians 4:6

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God's Measured Place
The church is a serving community.

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**"It is not the possession of
extraordinary gifts that makes
extraordinary usefulness, but the
dedication of what we have to the
service of God. —F.W. Robertson**

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