

# FOUNDATIONS

## LESSON 60: THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH – CHRIST’S BODY

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

**Main Idea:** *The church is the institution of believers saved by grace and called to serve as Christ’s body on earth. The church uniquely demonstrates God’s wisdom in reconciling sinners to Himself and unifying them in service to one another.*

### **I. One Calling**

- A. The church is created by God (Ephesians 1:3-14)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. The church is comprised of those called to hope and trust in God (Ephesians 1:18; 2 Timothy 4:2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. The church is comprised of those saved by grace, through faith (Ephesians 2: 1-10; Colossians 1:13)

### **II. One People**

- A. The church is unified without distinction in Christ. (*Ephesians 2:11-22; Galatians 3:27-29*)

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B. True unity requires the church to walk in constant love (*Ephesians 3:14-19*)

C. True unity in the church shows the Kingdom of God Coming on Earth (*Ephesians 3:19-22*)

### III. One Body

A. The Unity of the Body (*Ephesians 4:1-6*)

B. The Gifts of the Body (*Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11*)

C. The Growth of the Body (*Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26*)