

IS ONE AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

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INTRO:

- A. Read the text. Matthew 16:18.**
- B. Regarding the text.**
 - 1. “Go to the church of your choice” is often heard today.
 - 1) Is one religion as good as another? Do we apply that principle to other things?
 - 2) If we need a doctor, is one as good as another?
 - 3) When you go to pick up your prescription, is one as good as another?
 - 2. Why are we so particular about those things, and not about spiritual matters.
- C. Is the “one faith, one way, one worship, one baptism, one church, one gospel to be grouped among others?”**
 - 1. Some believe there are several roads leading to Heaven.
 - 2. The word “ONE” has to mean something!
 - 3. Thus, ONE is exclusive; two or more will not do!

I. ONE FAITH – EPHESIANS 4:5.

- A. Faith is the conviction and demonstration of truth. Only one TRUE faith.**
- B. We “contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).**
 - 1. “ONCE DELIVERED” (α΄ παξ - hapax) one single time.
 - 2. Thus, there can be no additions (2 Tim. 2:2; Rev. 22:18-19).

II. ONE WAY – JOHN 14:6.

- A. Jesus died to give us the way to salvation: Col. 1:14.**
- B. We must decide which way we will travel: Matt. 7:13-14.**
- C. Men sometimes think their way is the good way: Pro. 12:15; Pro. 14:12.**

III. ONE WORSHIP – JOHN 8:32.

- A. Ignorant worship: Acts 17:23.**
- B. Vain worship: Matt. 15:9.**
- C. True worship: John 4:23-24.**

IV. ONE BAPTISM – EPHESIANS 4:5.

- A. The baptism of the Great Commission was to obtain remission of sins (Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 10:47-48; Eph. 5:26; Acts 8:36-39).**
- B. Baptism is immersion in water: Acts 8:36-39.**
- C. Baptism is the way that we come to salvation: Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:20-21.**

V. ONE CHURCH – EPHESIANS 4:4.

- A. Christ said He would build His church: Matt. 16:18.**
- B. There is ONE body, which is the church: Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, 24.**
- C. The saved are added to this one church: Acts 2:37-47.**

VI. ONE GOSPEL – ROMANS 1:16.

- A. The One gospel was given to all men: Rom. 1:16.**
- B. The ONE gospel is not for “private interpretation”: 2 Pet. 1:20-21.**
- C. There is only ONE gospel. There is no other (Gal. 1:6-7).**

VII. CONCLUSION:

- A. Surely, we can understand that one does not include others.**
- B. One is very specific. It cannot mean more than one. Others are not included.**
- C. So just any other is not as good as ONE (Matt. 16:18 “my church”).**