

Sermon Guide

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**Sunday:**

9:30 AM - Bible Study  
10:30 AM - AM Worship  
1:30 PM - PM Worship

**Wednesday:**

7:00 PM - Bible Study



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**One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and  
Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and  
in you all.**

**Ephesians 4:5-6**

## One Faith — Keith B. Cozort (Part 1)

The title of this article has only two relatively small words in it, but there are major disagreements as to the meaning of those two words. Some believe the apostle Paul, the writer of the book of Ephesians, was speaking of an individual's personal faith. Thus, there would be many faiths because every individual has his, or her, own faith. Others believe Paul was speaking of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God's Word, as found in the New Testament. Which is it?

One's personal faith is absolutely essential if that person wants to have heaven as his or her eternal reward. Jesus said, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). He would also state, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Therefore, personal faith or belief is important. The Hebrews writer also states, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). So, an individual cannot be saved without having a personal faith in Jesus, in God, as well as in the word of God.

A person's individual faith must be based upon the truth revealed in the New Testament. Jesus taught, "...If you continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). Many people like to quote verse 32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," but they forget or refuse to acknowledge where that truth is located. It is located in the words of our Lord. Plus, one cannot be a disciple of Christ and refuse to abide by the words or revelation of Christ. Our Lord made this perfectly clear when He said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). The word which was spoken by our Lord will be the standard by which all those on this side of the cross will be judged. Paul affirms the same thing in Romans 10:17 when he says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." This "faith" is one's own personal faith which is founded upon God's word. But this is not the "one faith" to which the apostle Paul speaks.

Paul in Ephesians 4:5 is referring to the system of faith, the gospel of Jesus Christ of which we read in the New Testament. It is the same "faith" to which Jude, the half-brother of our Lord, spoke when he said, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write upon you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). "The faith" in this passage is not an individual's personal faith but rather the system of faith which Jude says was "once delivered," meaning it was once for all time delivered unto the saints. There never has been and never will be a need for another "faith," an updated version of the faith, to be delivered to the saints.

Unfortunately, there are those who believe the "one faith" needs to be updated. As one person proclaimed, "After all, it's not the first century any longer!"... (this article will continue next week).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEN'S MEETING AND PT/SS MEETING today at 2:30.**

**PCH PANTRY ITEM** for September is egg noodles.

**LADIES WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will not meet this week.

**Collierville Cares** will meet tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** See the bulletin board flyers for all upcoming events.

**BIBLE BOWL - Wednesday night**

**MSOP Seminar- Sept 19-20 Watch Live at [WWW.MSOP.ORG/SEMINARS](http://WWW.MSOP.ORG/SEMINARS). Speakers: Aaron Cozort and Aaron Gallagher. See flyer**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Saturday, September 21 at 8:00 am.

**OUTDOOR GOSPEL SINGING** – Bolivar, TN – Sept. 21 at 7:00pm. See flyer.

**COLLIERVILLE GOSPEL MEETING** with Aaron Cozort – "The New in the Old" –Sept. 22-25.

**FOREST HILL GOSPEL MEETING:** "Let Us Remember" Sept. 27-29 with Clay Bond.

**FOREST HILL COC – 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual World Evangelism Seminar-** "Plant and Water, God Will Give The Increase"- Oct 18 and 19. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

**MSOP Ongoing Spiritual Training** Fall Semester- Thursdays from Sept. 12 – Dec. 12, see flyer.

**AREA-WIDE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** – Quail Ridge COC – Sat, Nov. 2. See flyer

**UPCOMING LADIES DAY EVENTS:**

**SOMERVILLE LADIES DAY** – 9/14/19 – "FAITH THROUGH STORMS" - with Karen & Sharen Cypress.

**ARLINGTON LADIES DAY** – 9/14/19 – "Because I Said So...and Other Funny Things My Mother Said" with Speaker: Tonia Howell.

**FOREST HILL LADIES DAY** - September 28 – 8:30-11:30 with speaker: Carlie Bond.

**OUR SICK:**

**Ruby Bradd**, Stage 4 Neuroblastoma - Cards can be mailed to 824 W. Main St., Clinton, IL 61727

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

### Homebound/Assisted Living

Deloris Jones  
James Luna  
Celeste Moore  
Brenda Bruce

### Those Battling Cancer

Natalie Temple  
Leroy Fisher  
Lynn Guillot  
Tabby Jenkins  
Wayne Vaughan  
Maury Phillips  
Mary Jo Todaro  
Marvin Mann  
Ruby Bradd

### Physical Problems

Rudell & Dorothy Wilson, Tori Hinesley, Kay Fisher  
Doug Mooring, Ron Flanagan, Machel Simpson,  
Sandy Trammel, Janell Grizzard, Don Robertson,  
Paul Fisher, Joey Burks, Kathi Flanagan, Taylor Kubula,  
Amber Hinson, Kristi Springer, Don & Sheri Blackwell,  
Linda Pugliese, Frances Redmon, Paul Vaughan,  
Brooke Laster

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

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Opening Prayer:	Gary Colley	Eric Halverson	Devo: Aaron Cozort
Closing Prayer:	J. Shaffar	Tommy O'Neal	Closing Prayer: Murry Springer