

IS ONE AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

(Ephesians 4:4-6)

- I. **Times when it wouldn't be.**
 - a. Imagine walking out to a parking lot and choosing a car.
 - b. Imagine telling the police after your car was stolen to just get you a car.
 - c. Imagine going to a hotel and just walking into an open room.
 - d. Imagine picking up kids at school and just grabbing a couple.
 - e. Imagine grabbing someone's wife.
- II. **The one body is the church.**
 - a. In our text, Paul wrote by inspiration that there is one body.
 - b. The question that must be answered is: What is the one body?
 - c. Notice Colossians 1:18.
 - i. Very simply stated: The body is the church.
 - ii. Notice just a few verses later (Colossians 1:24).
 - iii. Listen to what Paul was inspired to write to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:22-23).
 - iv. Notice what was written a few chapters later (Ephesians 5:23 – the two words are used interchangeably to refer to the same group).
 - d. The Holy Spirit has told us that the body is the church and there is only one body, therefore, there is only one church.
 - e. This makes sense when thought of in conjunction with what Jesus spoke concerning the church (Matthew 16:18).
 - i. Jesus said, "I will build my church".
 - ii. The word "church" is singular, meaning, He would build one church.
 - f. There is one church and there is one body and they are one in the same.
 - g. The last thing I asked you to imagine when discussing times one wouldn't be as good as another is grabbing someone's wife.
 - h. The church is described as the bride of Christ.
 - i. Revelation 21:2, 9; 22:17.
 - ii. Ephesians 5:32 – inspiration compared the relationship of husband and wife to that of Christ and the church.
 - i. If one wife is as good as another, then one church would be as good as another, but we know that such is never the case.
 - j. We are married to Christ (Romans 7:4), and He has only one bride.
- III. **Implications of one being as good as another.**
 - a. Inspiration says there is one body and that body is the church.
 - b. For one to be as good as another, you would have to have one head with many bodies.
 - i. We noticed Ephesians 1:22-23 where Jesus is described as the head of the church, which is His body.

