

## Friday - Men in Christ - August 25, 2023 Gary Allen Senecke



Ephesians 4:4-6 Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν.

<sup>ESV</sup> 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.

<sup>KJV</sup> *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

1. Ephesians 1:17-23
2. Colossians 3:11, 15-16
3. I Corinthians 8:5-6
4. Ephesians 1:9-17
5. Colossians 1:13-20

“One God” or monotheism is a paramount topic for our understanding of the original believers. How are we to understand Jesus in understanding the beliefs and doctrines of both Judaism and Christianity. It is the foundation upon which the New Testament authors gave to earth their Christology, so it is extremely important to understand Second Temple Jewish Monotheism, which held an earnest belief in one God who alone is worthy of worship. Since Christianity sprouted from the roots of Judaism, the upholding of “monotheism,” or, better, the retention of God’s unique status as the “One God of Israel,” was now an inclusion of Jesus in the divine identity - a striking step in worship. How is Jesus Lord - how are we to understand our God?