

# Bereans Bible Institute

## Module XII – Faithful Shepherds

### Lesson 2. A Common FAITH and a common HOPE

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#### I. Walking worthy of our Calling:

A. John 17:20-23 LGV *20 Yet I am not asking concerning these alone, but also concerning those who will believe unto Me through their word, 21 so that they all may be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, so that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And I have given to them the glory which You have given to Me, so that they may be one, just as We are one – 23 I among them and You in Me, so that they may be completed into one, and that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You love them just as You love Me.* [http://www.4windsfellowships.net/LGV/LGV\\_John.pdf](http://www.4windsfellowships.net/LGV/LGV_John.pdf)

1. The **unity of the local Body** is the testimony to the world that the Father sent His only-begotten Son into the world.

B. Ephesians 4:1-6 LGV *1 Therefore, I the prisoner in the Master, plead with you to walk worthy of the invitation with which you were called 2 with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to preserve the unity of the Breath in the bond of peace: 4 a common Body and a common Breath, just as you were [originally] called in a common Hope of your calling, 5 a common Master, a common Trust, a common immersion, 6 a common God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.* [http://www.4windsfellowships.net/LGV/LGV\\_Ephesians.pdf](http://www.4windsfellowships.net/LGV/LGV_Ephesians.pdf)

1. All true Christians in any city or community are the Assembly, the Temple of God, & the House of God in that place (despite doctrinal divisions).

2. We are commanded to “*endeavor to preserve the unity of the Breath in the bond of peace,*” defined as “*a common Body and common Breath.*” [“There is” added in many translations is incorrect; vss. 1-6 are one sentence].

3. The things that unite us beside a common Body & Breath are:

- a. a common HOPE (Rom. 8:14-25)
- b. a common MASTER (Jesus)
- c. a common FAITH (trust)
- d. a common BAPTISM (immersion which places us into the body)
- e. a common GOD and FATHER

#### II. We share the common FAITH and common HOPE will all children of God since Seth

A. Hebrews 11:1 – 12:3 The ONE TRUE GOD has ONE TRUE RELIGION

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1. All are bound together by:

- a. FAITH in the one true God
- b. BLIND OBEDIENCE to His commands (even when they do not make sense).
- c. WORKS that validate their faith
- d. the common HOPE of the Kingdom INHERITANCE
- e. the common hope in the coming MESSIAH (seed of the woman)
- f. Heb. 12:1-2 Jesus is “*the FOUNDER and FINISHER of the FAITH.*”