The Oneness of Baptism  
Eph. 4:5

Introduction:
A. The importance, significance and design of baptism varies from church to church today.
B. The oneness of baptism is emphasized in the New Testament.
C. There several “ones” involved in the “one baptism” of the Bible.

Discussion:
I. The One Authority of Baptism.
A. It is by authority (in the name of) of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Acts 19:3-5).
B. It not by human or church authority – Eunuch did not have to seek church authority (Acts 8:36-38).

II. The One Element of Baptism.
A. Baptism “in the name of Jesus” is not the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:15,16)
B. Baptism that saves is in water (Acts 8:36-38; 10:47; 1 Pet. 3:20,21).

III. The One Action of Baptism.
A. It is immersion by:
   1. Definition – “To dip” or “plunge under.”
   2. Description (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12).
   3. Demonstration (John 3:23; Mark 1:10; Acts 8:36-38).
B. Immersion in spite of strongest objections.
   1. 3000 in one day?
   2. Not enough water in Jerusalem? (Six pools).

IV. The One Object of Baptism.
A. It is for the remission or sins (or to save) (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
B. It is into Christ (Gal. 3:26) in whom there is remission (Col. 1:13, 14).

V. The One Subject of Baptism.
A. A penitent believer (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:36-38; 8:36-38).
B. Infants and other unaccountable people are not proper subjects.

VI. The One Body of Baptism.
A. Baptized into one body or church (1 Cor. 12:13).
B. Added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47).

Conclusion:
A. Have submitted to the one baptism of the New Testament?
B. Are living the new life that must follow baptism?