

This email is the *fourth in a series of articles* that I've titled "GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW". Each of these articles builds upon previous articles, so I would suggest that you print each article for future reference or save it on your computer. It is my hope that these articles will be beneficial to everyone who reads them. Please share them with your family members and feel free to email any questions or comments to me.

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GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW!

God wants you to know about the one faith spoken of in Ephesians 4:4-6, "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." Our discussion will be limited to the aspects of the "one faith" that relate to manifesting our love toward Christ through obedience to his gospel.

Since "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17 KJV), it is important that we show proper respect for the authority of God's word by not adding to or taking away from it (Rev. 22:18-19). Deuteronomy 4:2 (KJV) tells us why: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you". If we love Jesus, we will want to avoid adding to his word or diminishing ought from it. It is important to know what Jesus has actually said in order to know if we've been taught the truth of God's word or the commandments of men (Matt. 15:9).

It is necessary for us to obey the gospel of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ in order to have forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Concerning these issues Jesus has 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 KJV).
- "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3 KJV).
- "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 10:32-33 KJV).
- "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16 KJV).
- "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10 KJV).

Future articles (one pertaining to each of Jesus' statements listed above) will be dedicated to examples in the book of Acts where people manifested their love toward Jesus through obedience to his gospel.

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19 KJV)