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.
      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.
ii. We know there is no such thing in nature as a head with many bodies, so
the illustration loses all meaning.

c. Not only that, one could not be wrong if he taught there was more than one Holy
Spirit.
   i. Paul wrote that there is one Spirit, but he also wrote there is one body.
   ii. If there is more than one body, there could be more than one Spirit.

d. Not only that, one could not be wrong if he taught there was more than one
hope.
   i. Our hope is heaven as a Christian.
   ii. However, if there is more than one body, why can’t there be more than
    one hope?

e. There would be nothing wrong with teaching that there is more than one Lord.

f. There would be nothing wrong with teaching that there is more than one faith.

g. There would be nothing wrong with teaching that there is more than one
baptism.

h. There would be nothing wrong with teaching that there is more than one God
and Father.

i. Also, since the church is the bride of Christ, and people teach there is more than
one church, there would be nothing wrong with polygamy if we are to model
ourselves after Christ and the church and there is more than one church.

j. Can we not see the ridiculousness of all this?

k. There are drastic, severe implications to the idea that there is more than one
body.
   i. Those that teach that the branches that abide in Christ are the various
denominations can’t stand the test of grammar.

l. There is just no way to teach this idea of many churches without twisting
scripture and ignoring plain scripture.