

I. *The emphasis placed on unity in the Scriptures.* Our Lord said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd." As there is one and but one God and Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ, so there is to be one flock or one household of the faith. There is one divine Teacher, and all His pupils are brethren. The believers gathered out of all nations are to form one body, and of that one body Jesus Christ is the head. So it is said, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." In this one sentence the thought of unity is presented seven times. Again, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many." There are many members but one body. The same thought is found in Galatians. "For ye are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither Greek nor Jew, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male or female; for ye are all one man in Christ Jesus." Race and national distinctions are done away. All are fellow members of the body, and fellow heirs, and fellow partakers of the promise of Christ in the gospel. Paul prayed thus for the Christians in Rome, "Now the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Jesus Christ; that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." To the Philippians he said, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast