



# The Bible Says



## The Number One (1) # 14

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There is **one body**, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all**" (Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV)

### One Body

In our studies we have learned that the one body is the church (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18). Since the body is the church and there is one body, how many churches? ONE!

### The First Apostate Church

The first organized church on record, after Christ established His church, was the Roman Catholic Church. Historically it began in 251 A.D. It was established by the Bishops of Rome. In 300 A.D. Christianity became a state religion. In 606 A.D. one man was named the Pope (papa) of the universal church. For hundreds of years Roman Catholicism forbade the reading of the Bible. The Bible was "chained" to the pulpits - meaning that only the Priests were allowed to read and explain the Bible. In 1530 Martin Luther, then a Catholic Priest, nailed 95 propositions on the door of his chapel in Wittenburg Germany in opposition to the teachings of Catholicism. This was an effort to REFORM Roman Catholicism. From that time many others joined the reformation.

These churches (and hundreds of other apostate groups that followed) adopted their own Creeds, Manuals and Disciplines of Faith in addition to the New Testament. None followed the simple pattern of the Lord's church.

### History of the Church - Reformation

#### 33 A.D. The Church of Christ

"...THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU" (ROMANS 16:16)

1611 - John Smyth - Baptist

1536 - John Calvin - Presbyterian

1530 - Martin Luther - Lutheran  
*Reformation Period*

1054 - Roman Catholic  
Greek Orthodox

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