

Group Time Sharing Questions

(A) Questions on the Text (Suggested time: 15 minutes)

1. Read 4:4-6. In what is the oneness of the preceding verses rooted? Why only one baptism? Read Acts 8:14-17. Did the early Church and the apostles follow this teaching?

Ephesians 厄弗所書 4:4-6	⁴ one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.	⁴ 因為只有一個身體和一個聖神，正如你們蒙召，同有一個希望一樣。 ⁵ 只有一個主，一個信德，一個洗禮； ⁶ 只有一個天主和眾人之父，他超越眾人，貫通眾人，且在眾人之內。
Acts 宗徒 大事錄 8:14-17	¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit.	¹⁴ 當時，在耶路撒冷的宗徒，聽說撒瑪黎雅接受了天主的聖道，便打發伯多祿和若望往他們那裏去。 ¹⁵ 他們二人一到，就為他們祈禱，使他們領受聖神， ¹⁶ 因為聖神還沒有降臨在任何人身上，他們只因主耶穌的名受過洗。 ¹⁷ 那時，宗徒便給他們覆手，他們就領受了聖神。

2. Read 5:2. What is the model to which Paul appeals as we walk in love? What should we do in following this model so that we can walk in love?

Ephesians 厄弗所書 5:2	² and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.	² 又應該在愛德中生活，就如基督愛了我們，且為我們把自己交出，獻於天主作為馨香的供物和祭品。
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(B) Session Review (Suggested time: 20 minutes)

Review today's session outline for the Navigator's Time, particularly the summary (item E). What is the most important point you learned from today's session? Why? Are there any issues discussed in today's Navigator's Time that you don't understand? Discuss them with your group members and see if they can help you. If satisfactory answers are not readily available, put the issues or questions on paper. Either bring them up during Q&A or submit them to the navigator for post-session response.

(C) Optional

“There is one body and one Spirit.... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all” (Eph 4:4-6). Where do you see the unity of the Spirit in the Church of Christ today? Do you see challenges to that unity? Do you see legitimate diversity in unity?

Web links

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/_INDEX.HTM
<http://www.catholic.org.tw/bible/index.htm>
<http://www.cathlinks.org/ccc-toc.htm>
<http://www.christusrex.org/www1/CDHN/ccc.html>

BSP #9 SPECIAL NOTES

- (A) “Those who are impelled by love and ‘walk by the Spirit’ (Gal 5:16)...feel an interior urge – a genuine ‘necessity’ and no longer a form of coercion – not to stop at the minimum demands of the Law, but to live them in their ‘fullness’. This is a still uncertain and fragile journey as long as we are on earth, but it is one made possible by grace, which enables us to possess the full freedom of the children of God (cf. Rom 8:21) and thus to live our moral life in a way worthy of our sublime vocation as ‘sons in the Son’...’You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect’ (Mt 5:48).” (JPII, *Letter to Families*, #18)
- (B) “The lack of unity among Christians is certainly a wound for the Church; not in the sense that she is deprived of her unity, but ‘in that it hinders the complete fulfillment of her universality in history’. (Vat II, *Unitatis redintegratio*, n.4)” (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Dominus Iesus, On The Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and The Church*, n. 17)

“With the expression *subsistit in*, the Second Vatican Council sought to harmonize two doctrinal statements: on the one hand, that the Church of Christ, despite the divisions which exist among Christians, continues to exist fully only in the Catholic Church, and on the other hand, that ‘outside of her structure, many elements can be found of sanctification and truth’, that is, in those churches and ecclesial communities which are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church.” (Ditto, n. 16)

“This is the doctrinal basis for our ecumenical commitment. The Church is not divided. It is we Christians who are divided. And even though divided, we are still in communion one with the other, because we are baptized into the one body of Christ.” (Edward Cardinal Cassidy, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, *Vatican II and Catholic Principles on Ecumenism*.)