

ONE FAITH REVEALED

As the apostle Paul admonished Christians to endeavor to keep unity, he established that there is ONE faith, just as there is one Spirit, one Lord and one Father (cf. Ephesians 4:3-6). Yet, we know that in the world there are many faiths. Many divisions exist. Individuals and churches professing to follow Jesus Christ are divided over significant doctrines.

“Before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.” (Galatians 3:23). With the coming of Jesus Christ, that faith was revealed. The revelation of the faith is not determined by the subjectivity of man’s wisdom or opinions. The one faith “was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). The expression *once for all* refers to something being done at a particular time for all times and for all men. It does not have to be done again, and there are no changes necessary. The one faith of which the Spirit spoke exists because the gospel of Christ has been revealed. “God, ... has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

Paul warned Timothy about believers departing from the faith. “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, ...” (I Timothy 4:1). Departure occurs when men give heed to something different from what has been revealed. The apostle marveled that among the churches in the region of Galatia some were turning to a different gospel (Galatians 1:6, 7). There is only one true gospel of Christ, but men preach many distortions of the truth when they give heed to teachings not from or of Christ. One reason this occurs is people no longer endure “sound doctrine” and “turn ears away from the truth” (II Timothy 4:3, 4). Therefore, men cause divisions, not Christ, nor the one faith.

Paul explained, “By revelation He [*God*] made known to me the mystery (as I wrote before in few words, by which when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in others ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets” (Ephesians 3:3-5). There is one faith, which is the revelation of the gospel of Christ, the word of truth. We can come to a knowledge of the one faith because God’s word is revealed in such a way that we can understand it when we open our minds and hearts in order to be directed by His word.