



# SEVEN PILLARS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

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Introduction: Today we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church family (April 22, 2018)! The Bible calls the 50<sup>th</sup> year a Jubilee. The Jubilee was a time of freedom, forgiveness, and celebration (**Leviticus 25:8-13**). It was also a season for rejoicing because families were restored. What do we know about the family of God? I wonder if there are pillars for the family of God (**Proverbs 9:1**)? We should consider the words of the apostle Paul for some important principles (**Ephesians 4:1-16**). Let's read together...

Discussion:

## **Pillar #1 = ONE BODY**

Matthew 16:13-19, 28:18-20, Acts 2:40-47, 6:1-7, I Corinthians 12:1-22, 14:26-40, Ephesians 4:11-32, 5:21-33, I Peter 4:10

## **Pillar #2 = ONE SPIRIT**

John 4:24, 15:1-8, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8:1-30, 12:4-8, I Corinthians 6:19-20, 12:12-30, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 2:14-18, 4:1-3, I Timothy 2:5

## **Pillar #3 = ONE HOPE**

Romans 5:1-5, 15:13-14, I Corinthians 13:13, II Corinthians 3:12, Ephesians 1:15-18, I Thessalonians 4:15, 5:8, Titus 2:13, I Peter 1:3, I John 5:18

## **Pillar #4 = ONE LORD**

Matthew 6:24, 28:18, Luke 2:29, John 14:6, Acts 4:24, I Corinthians 1:10, 6:9-20, Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:10-20, II Timothy 2:21, II Peter 2:1, Jude 3, Revelation 6:10

## **Pillar #5 = ONE FAITH**

Matthew 10:35-39, 16:24, Mark 8:34-38, 10:29, Luke 14:33, John 3:16, Romans 10:17, 12:1-2, II Corinthians 1:9-11, 3:4-6, Philippians 2:19, 4:13, Hebrews 11:1, 6, I Timothy 4:9

## **Pillar #6 = ONE BAPTISM**

Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 2:41, 8:12-13, 8:16, 8:36, 8:38, 9:18, 10:47-48, 11:16, 16:15, 16:33, 18:8, 19:3-5, 22:16, Romans 6:3-4, Galatians 3:27, Colossians 2:12, I Peter 3:20-21

## **Pillar #7 = ONE GOD & FATHER**

Deuteronomy 5:7, 6:14, 11:28, 13:2, 13:6, 13:13, 17:3, 18:20, 28:14, 28:36, 28:64, 29:26, 30:17, 32:6, Matthew 6:9, Mark 14:36, Acts 17:24-28, I Corinthians 8:6, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6

Conclusion: Each pillar might be able to stand for a short time, but it will fall underneath the weight unless ALL of them stand together. Each pillar must be carefully placed in the family of God. Our God wants to make you part of His family! Will you follow His calling? Are you in the family of God? Have you strayed away from the family of God? Build your life on the right foundation. Strengthen your spiritual house with the seven pillars of the family of God. And remember you are loved!