

“One!”

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We often think of one as an insignificant number, but on the other hand the number one could prove very important. For example being number one after winning a championship, being the only one to receive something pleasant and so on. The word of God has several examples of how this number is used. Ephesians 4:4 informs us. ***There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were 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.*** We also see that there is only one church because our Lord uses it in the singular sense in Matthew 16:18. ***And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on the rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*** Have we noticed the trend of the pattern of the number one? Only one savior

was prophesied and only one savior fulfilled those prophecies, and no modern religions, clergy, or new manuals or testaments can add up to the number one. Jesus gives us a warning of modern falsehoods in Matthew 7:15. ***“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”***

Sure, a lot of imitators out there look good, but a lot of car manufacturers may want to look like a Chevrolet, but there is only one genuine Chevrolet, just like there is only one plan for man's salvation. Let's look at one more example of the power of one, and this example comes from Mark 10: 17-22. At the end of this reading Jesus informs this young ruler “One thing thou lackest...” He obviously had a desire to follow Jesus, but could not do the “one thing”. Do you lack one thing? It can keep us from following Jesus.