

# Oneness Shouldn't Require Scaffolding

**Oneness** is a spiritual relationship with the Trinity where we are one with them in spirit. That's the essence of it, although it does flow into the realm of having the same heart and mind as them. However, those are outcomes of oneness, not the occurrence of it.

The foundation of oneness is this: "*The one who is united and joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him*"<sup>1</sup> – that's all that's required. We don't need anything on top of that to bring us into oneness, just our voluntary commitment from the desire of our heart for it to be a reality for us.

It could be said from that quote, therefore, that every believer is in oneness with the Lord. That's true biblically, but not in reality. Remember, Jesus taught that not everyone who calls him "Lord" will enter the Kingdom? He said, he will say to some who have followed church processes, "Go away from me, you lawless rebels! I've never been joined to you!" These profess to being his followers, but they have no intimate relationship with him, because it's all religion.

'**Scaffolding**' is a term used to describe a structure that's used to support people so they can undertake a task. In relation to oneness, scaffolding refers to the structures people put in place to support their spirituality. These are religious activities which help them come to grips with spiritual concepts, but in most cases they are replacements for genuine spirituality. (I know, I've been there.) These are held firmly in place in a person through the pressure of legalism and fear, plus the influence of the religious spirit.

Religious scaffolding has no place in the Kingdom because the Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, not a physical or mental one. As a reminder, religion consists of all the activities people have devised which they think please 'God'<sup>2</sup> and which help to placate his wrath against them because of their sin.



**Religious scaffolding has a dampening effect on oneness.** By that I mean, they prevent us from progressing into deep oneness by causing us to feel like we're already there. That's because they give us a spiritual 'buzz' when we undertake the activities. Here are a few of those activities Christians focus on spiritually which hinder their move into deeper oneness:

- Christian ministry
- Focusing on the Gifts of the Spirit
- Engaging in Christian worship singing because it's spiritually essential
- Charismatic and pentecostal ho-ing
- Planned fasting regimes
- Religious prayer times
- Devotional Bible reading
- Church-going
- Prayer walks
- Prayer lines
- Church preaching
- Over-emphasising the gifts of the Spirit

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1 – 1 Corinthians 6:17 (AMP)

2 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

There are many, many more, but these should ‘paint the picture’ for you.

This topic reminds me of the scaffolding some young women have used to foster intimacy with Jesus – they go on a date with him. Sounds ludicrous, but if they do it from the right heart attitude, it could be a good starting point for their journey into intimacy.

We shouldn’t require any scaffolding to have oneness with the Trinity, but it’s been that way because no one has taught us about oneness, let alone how to get there. That’s why, in this new era of the Kingdom,<sup>3</sup> we need to become mature sons in all areas of sonship so we can effectively lead the next generation into their destiny as sons. Remember, great coaches bring the best out of those they coach because they are very experienced in the area they train them in.

The point is, no scaffolding we use to create an intimate connection with the Trinity is a spiritual activity. In fact, from the Kingdom perspective, they are religious activities and therefore they’re irrelevant for where we need to go spiritually.

Where are we supposed to go to? Put simply...

**The prime directive for us is oneness**

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

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3 – “A New Era in the Kingdom”

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