UNDERSTANDING SINGULAR

It is strange, is it not, how well people understand language in one area and cannot seem to get it in another? If a person says he is single, everyone knows that means he is not married. If a person says he is broke, all know he has no money.

When we read the Bible, we come across this passage, “…upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:18) Now if I said I was going to build “my house” everyone would assume I meant that I was going to build only one.

Why then, do you suppose, that people do not understand that since Jesus said he would build “my church” that he only was going to build one?

The Bible also said there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism,” yet we hear people talking about various baptisms. That one baptism is translated “to immerse in water” yet we hear people talking about “sprinkling” or “pouring” for baptism as well.

Since we are “one nation,” why do we not hear people referring to ours as “many nations?” which shows we can understand language if we wish to.

English words mean the same in either world, spiritual or secular. So why do we have such a hard time when it comes to the Bible?

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