

the POWER of ONENESS

Series: The Power of Oneness
Title: The Basis of Christian Unity
Lesson: 1

Text: Eph. 4:1–6
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Eph. 4:1–6 – Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

- _____ in a Manner Worthy of Our calling (vv1–3)
 - ‘Therefore’ based on...(Eph. 1–3)
 - Our election to be adopted as sons of God through Christ

- Our need to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Christ in His full majesty and dominion
- How we went from spiritually dead to spiritually alive in Christ by grace alone through faith
- How God has taken the former enemies of Jews and Gentiles and united them into one body in Christ
- How we can find strength and understanding in Christ that fills us up to the fulness of God in love
- How we ought to praise God in light of all these things

Eph. 3:20–21 – Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

All that theology should change how we live by seeing a need to _____ it!

- ‘Walk’ is an idiom for how we _____ (cf. 2:1–2; 2:10; 4:1; 4:17; 5:1–2a; 5:8; 5:15).
- What does it look like to live one’s life trying to be worthy of our calling?

- With all humility and gentleness

Matt. 20:25–28 – But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ²⁶It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- With patience
- Showing tolerance for one another in love
- **Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**
 - Being diligent
 - To preserve
 - The unity of the Spirit
 - In the bond of peace

- The _____ for Our Unity (vv4–6)

- The flow of thought:

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (How?)

With all humility and gentleness

With patience

Showing tolerance for one another in love

Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (What is that unity built around?)

{ One body
One Spirit
One hope of your calling

{ **One Lord**
One faith
One baptism

— **One God and Father of all**

- Ultimately, our unity comes down to our shared identity in the _____.

What do we do with this text?

1. We must remember that our unity is about more than our

_____.

2. We must _____ to preserve our unity.

3. We must keep our focus on the true _____
of our unity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How should the weighty concepts of theology, especially concerning the Gospel (like in Eph. 1–3), affect the way you view life and how you live it?
2. Why is working to preserve unity so important for ‘walking worthily of our calling’?
3. What are some inadequate sources of unity you and/or churches you have seen leaned on? What was the result?
4. How should the sources of unity from our passage protect our church?
5. Describe a time you have seen Christian unity overcome major barriers between you and someone you normally would not have had a relationship with.

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