

Ephesians 4:1-6

Unity

Points to Consider

1. Action Worthy of our Calling
2. Attitude Worthy of Unity
3. Belief Worthy of Unity

Action Worthy of Unity

Eph 4:1 *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called... NKJV*

Paul spent the first three chapters reminding them of the blessings they have in Christ.

- They were _____ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (1:3).
- They were _____ before the foundation of the world (1:4).
- They were _____ as sons through Jesus Himself and have an inheritance (1:5,11).
- They were made _____ by the Beloved (1:6).
- They were **forgiven** and _____ (1:7).
- They were _____ from spiritual death (2:1).
- They were **recipients** of grace, mercy, and salvation (2:4-10).
- They were **brought near** to God by the blood of Christ (2:11-13).
- They were _____ and **saints** and being built into a dwelling place of God (2:19-22).
- They were recipients of the unsearchable riches of Christ (3:8).
- They were blessed to have Christ dwell in their hearts and that the fulness of God dwelt in them (3:19).

These blessings are so great that they are worth being _____ for. They are worth dying for!
These blessing are worth _____ for!

Eph 4:1 *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, **implore** you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called... NASU*

Other translations – beg, exhort, encourage, entreat, ask, and call upon you.

Paul was imploring, begging, and urging them to walk _____ of the calling with which they were called.

1 Thess 2:10-12 - Paul **exhorted**, comforted and charged the Thessalonians to walk worthy of the God who called them into His own kingdom and _____.

Col 1:9-10 - To be worthy of the Lord we must _____ please Him, be fruitful in good works, and increase in knowledge.

Attitude Worthy of Unity

Eph 4:2 - Paul is going to spend the next three chapters showing us how we walk worthy of our calling. It starts with an attitude of _____ and gentleness.

The word lowliness is a compound of a word meaning cast down and a word referring to the midriff. It carries with it the idea of _____ in a humble way about ourselves.

Acts 20:17-22 - Paul was a great example to the Ephesians with regards to _____.

The word is also used in Phil 2:3; Col 2:18,23; Col 3:12; 1 Peter 5:5

With longsuffering

Gal 5:22-26 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.* NKJV

If we live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit we will be longsuffering to one another.

Bearing with one another in love

Eph 4:2

Col 3:12-13 *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.* NKJV

Bearing with one another carries with it the idea of putting up with other people who think, and act _____ than you do.

Titus 3:10-11 *As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.* ESV

Meek and gentle people do not live at the mercy of the unbearable. God says to warn the person who stirs up division two times, then have _____ more to do with them.

Eph 4:3 - We should be _____ and make every effort we can to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Rom 12:10-19 - We should do everything we can to live peaceably with _____ men.

Belief Worthy of Unity

Eph 4:4-6 *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.* NKJV

Eph 1:22-23 *And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.* NKJV

The body of Christ is the church. There is only _____ universal church.

One of the points that Paul is making regarding unity is that we are all part of the _____ body, we are led by the same Spirit, we are anchored by the same hope, we serve the same Lord, we have been convinced by the same truth, we have been baptized under the same _____, and we _____ to the same God who is Father to all of us.

Paul, in his description of God, states that He is above all, through all, and in all.

Since all that is true, unity is the natural result.