

Ephesians

Unity in Christ

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Introduction:

- **John 15:18-21**
 - **John 16:33**
 - *Courage is not the absence of fear ... Courage is doing the right thing despite the fear your feel.*
 - **Philippian 4:13**
 - **Ephesians 4** - Considering all that Jesus has already done for us; we should respond to Him in a way that is pleasing and honoring.
 - *Saving Private Ryan* – 1998 Movie by Steven Spielberg.
 - “*Earn this! ... Earn it.*” – Capt. Miller (Played by Tom Hanks)
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1. Worthy of the Calling:

- a. **Ephesians 4:1-6**
- b. Greek – **Axios** ... English – **Worthy** ... “*A manner befitting or deserving of some person or object.*”
- c. Greek – **Klesis** (Clay-Seas) ... English – **Calling** ... “*The condition one enters upon the acceptance of a summons, especially all that is expected of a person who accepts God’s summons to hope and salvation.*”
- d. **Acts 2:36-38**
- e. **Romans 12:1-2**
- f. **Ephesians 4:2-3**
- g. Three Christians qualities to strive for:
 1. **Humble** ... Greek – **Tapeinophrosyne** (Top-E-In-O-Frow-Say) – “*A disposition of assessing oneself in light of one’s sinfulness.*”
 2. **Gentle** ... Greek – **Prautes** (Pra-U-Tays) ... “*Acting in a manner that is gentle, mild and even-tempered.*”
 3. **Patient** ... Greek – **Makrothymia** (Macro-Thu-Mia) ... “*A state of emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune and without complaint or irritation.*”
- h. “*To make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*”
- i. Is Paul calling us to forge peace even to the point that we compromise the Gospel?
- j. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
- k. **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**

1. The Power of ONE:
 1. One Body –
 2. One Spirit –
 3. One Hope – **Acts 4:12 ... Romans 8:1**
 4. One Lord/Master –
 5. One Faith – **Jude 1:3**
 6. One Baptism – **Acts 2:36-38**
 1. Greek – **Baptizo** ... English – Baptism ... *“To be plunged under ... To be covered ... To be buried ... To be immersed in water.”*
 7. One God and Father –

2. **We Each Have Grace:**
 - a. **Ephesians 4:7-13**
 - b. **Matthew 25:14-30**
 - c. Greek – **Apostolos** ... English – Apostle ... *“An envoy of Jesus commissioned directly by Him or taught by Him to speak on His behalf.”*
 - d. Greek – **Prophetes** (*Pro-Fay-Tees*) ... English – Prophet ... *“One who proclaims inspired utterances on behalf of God.”*
 - e. Greek – **Euangeletes** (*You-On-Go-List-Tees*) ... English – Evangelist ... *“One who proclaims the message of the Gospel.”*
 - f. Greek – **Poimen** ... English – Pastor ... *“A leader ... One who is responsible for the care of a Christian congregation ... To pastor ... To minister.”*
 - g. Greek – **Didaskalos** (*Dee-Dasko-loss*) ... English – Teacher ... *“A person who instructs others by imparting knowledge with skill.”*
 - h. **Ephesians 4:12-13**

3. **Speak the Truth in Love:**
 - a. **Ephesians 4:14-16**
 - b. False teachings that have made their way into the church that should be rebuked: *Woke Ideology ... Evolution ... Abortion ... Jesus did not die ... Jesus did not resurrect ... Jesus was just a man ... The New Testament is flawed ... The New Testament is Racist ... Redefining of marriage and sexual identity, and many others.*
 - c. **Ephesians 4:15-16**