

EPHESIANS - Chapters 4-6 - The believer's walk with Christ



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Today we begin our study in a new section of Ephesians, chapters 4-6. These chapters detail the practical _____ of the local church and the _____ of each individual believer. These final chapters put into practice the doctrinal truths presented in chapters 1-3. The pivotal verse that unlocks the structure of this entire segment is 4:1. It gathers up in a single phrase the theme of chapters 4-6, that we should _____ of the vocation wherewith (by means of which) we are called. It infers that the high calling of every Christian includes very doable and sound responsibilities — duties to be fulfilled in our local church, and biblical objectives to be realized in our personal life.

EPHESIANS 4:1-6 - Christian unity

1. Unity - our _____ walk - Ephesians 4:1-3
 - a. Our calling - _____ - verse 1
 - Vocation - Somebody's work, job, or profession, especially a type of work demanding special commitment. (In this case, it is every Christian's career to _____ Christ.)
 - b. Our job description - verses 2-3
 - Lowliness - A mind brought _____.
 - Meekness - A willingness to stand and do the will of God regardless of the _____.
 - Longsuffering - A long temper, not a _____ fuse.
 - Forbearing one another in love - To restrain one's self in the spirit of _____.
 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace - We must _____ what God has already established.
2. Unity - our _____ walk - Ephesians 4:4-6
 - a. _____ What binds us together - on the _____ - verses 4-6a
 - 1) One body - John 17:21-26; Ro. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 2:16; Col. 3:15

2) One Spirit – 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 2:18

3) One hope – 1 Timothy 1:1; Col. 1:5

4) One Lord – Deut. 6:4; Zech. 14:9; Mk. 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:6

5) One faith – Ro. 3:30; Gal. 5:6; 2 Timothy 4:7; Titus 1:4; Heb. 13:7

6) One baptism – Ro. 6:3-10; 1 Cor. 12:13

7) One God, the Father of all – Eph. 3:14-15

b. What binds us together – on the _____ - verse 6b

- God _____ inside each one of us