



Today's Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

For those curious this is what the original New Testament Greek looks like.

Actually, the original manuscripts do not have spaces between words or verse numbers. The English equivalent is shown above.

4.1 Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, ² μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραΰτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ³ σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ⁴ ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· ⁵ εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· ⁶ εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν.



Soul Food

GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

You are encouraged to read verses before and after the selected passages.

Sunday: Ephesians 4:1-16 Build unity while focusing on service.

Mon: Phil. 1:27-2:5 Maintain unity through humility.

Tue: Col. 1:9-14 Live worthy of the LORD – Bear fruit.

Wed: 1 Thess. 2:11-12 Live life worthy of God...

Thurs: Rom. 8:28-30 You are called to His purpose.

Friday: Col. 3:12-17 God's chosen people preserve unity.

Saturday: Eph. 4:11-16 We need each other to grow spiritually.

During this 6-week series you are encouraged to read: *I Am A Church Member*, by Dr. Thom Rainer.

It is available on Amazon Kindle for \$7.12

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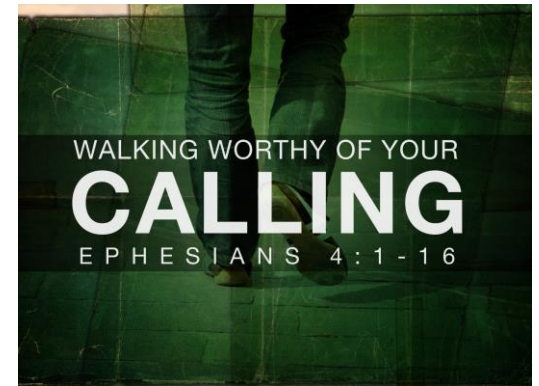
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Sermon Notes



Big Idea:

Walking worthy protects unity while serving Jesus.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 (NIV)

Your Life in Light of the Word

To become a mature, spiritually reproducing follower of Jesus we have to interact with the Bible. These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the Word of God.



Unity is a given but staying unified takes work. We have been unified by Christ, but we must maintain that unity. Unity in the body of Christ is not an option. The Holy Spirit calls us to maintain unity through certain grace. Our unity is grounded in who God is and what He has done for us.

Why is it so hard to maintain unity in the body of Christ?

What must we be willing to do to maintain unity?

What are the barriers you see in your life to becoming humble? How can you promote humility in your life?

What are the barriers you see in your life to becoming gentle? How can you promote gentleness in your life?

What are the barriers you see in your life to becoming patient? How can you promote patients in your life?

What are the barriers you see in your life to becoming loving? How can you promote biblical love in your life?

How do you work to promote unity here at Trinity?

What does it mean if a person is unwilling to promote unity within their church?

NOTES

Praying God's Word ~ Ephesians 2:11-21

- Ask God to help you live a life worthy of Jesus.
- Ask God to help you display humility, gentleness and patience with other members of Trinity.
- Thank God for the unity He provides.
- Pray that you properly participate to promote unity at Trinity.
- Thank God for all He has done in calling you.
- Thank God for His grace given to you.

