

“The Worthy Walk”

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Scripture reading: Colossians 1:9-20

I. The believer’s calling – vv. 1-2

A) Our charge (Eph. 3:20-21; Matt. 28:18-20)

B) Our character

1. Humility

2. Gentleness (Matt. 11: 28-29)

3. Patience (I Tim. 1:15-16)

4. Tolerant love (Jn. 13:34-35)

II. The believer’s bond – vs. 3 (I Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:14)

III. The believer's oneness – vv. 4-6

1. One body
2. One Spirit
3. One hope
4. One Lord
5. One faith
6. One baptism (Rom. 6:3-4)
7. One Father

“Most men hope to go to heaven when they die; but few, it may be feared, take the trouble to consider whether they would enjoy heaven if they got there. Heaven is essentially a holy place; its inhabitants are all holy; its occupations are all holy. To be really happy in heaven, it is clear and plain that we must be somewhat trained and made ready for heaven while we are on earth. ... We must be saints before we die, if we are to be saints afterwards in glory.”

-J. C. Ryle; Bishop of Liverpool; 1816-1900

SERMON QUOTES:

I. The believer's calling – vv. 1-2

A) Our charge

Leon Morris,

“...Jesus is (here) concerned with a way of life. As we have seen throughout this Gospel, he continually urges His followers to live in a manner pleasing to God. ...So there is to be instruction and there is to be purity of life. We should not miss the significance of ‘all the things’. Jesus is not suggesting that His followers should make a selection from His teachings as it pleases them and neglect the rest. Since the teaching of Jesus is a unified whole, disciples are to observe all that this means.”

II. The believer's bond – vs. 3

Pastor John MacArthur,

“Spiritual unity is not, and cannot be, created by the church. It is already created by the Holy Spirit.”