



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

8.27.17 Sermon: A Unified Community

Passage: Ephesians 4:3–6

Title: “A Unified Community”

Series: “VISION”

In Ephesians 4:1–16, Paul provides us with a clear vision of a Christ-centered church. He calls us to four actions in order to live out this vision. We are focusing on number two this week.

1. Walk worthy (1–3).
2. Maintain unity (4–6).

A. Recognize our oneness

One body, One Spirit, One hope, One Lord, One faith,
One baptism, One God and Father of all

B. Practice our oneness

Walk worthy

Join the church

Participate

Main Idea: God's vision for our church will not be realized if we are not united in our beliefs and practices.

Summary: Following his admonition for believers to walk worthy of the calling by God on their lives, Paul focuses on the unity that believers possess. God has brought about this unity as he has saved those who trust and follow Jesus and incorporated them into the church through his Holy Spirit. We are now urged to maintain that unity by continuing to trust God and to cultivate relationships with one another.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we maintain loving unity without slipping into militant uniformity? What distinguishes unity from uniformity?
2. How does the unity of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit) contribute to the unity in the church?
3. What does “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit” look like in practice?
4. How do you contribute to the unity of the body here at CCC? Are there ways that you could contribute to and participate in the oneness of the body that you aren't presently?

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