



EPHESIANS

LIVING THE NEW CREATION STORY

Baptism



Steps: 1. Scan 2. Hit "Send"

Narrative Flow of Eph. 4:1-16

Exhortation / Gospel-to-Life-Application (v. 1-3)

Reiterating the Gospel Story (v. 4-10)

Our Goal in light of the Gospel (11-16)

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Eph. 4:1-3, CSB

There is one body one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Eph. 4:4-6 CSB

Now grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ For it says:

When he ascended on high,
he took the captives captive;
he gave gifts to people.

Eph. 4:7-8 CSB

You ascended to the heights, taking away
captives; you received gifts from people,

Psalm 68:18

But what does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower parts of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things.

Christian Standard Bible

Eph. 4:9-10, CSB

Three movements of the Gospel Story that Paul gives

Victory of Jesus

Gifts for the church to build up unity and holiness

Descending and Ascending story of Jesus

The clearer the object of our pursuit, the more willing we are to engage in the means to attain it.

- Andrew Murray

Christian Standard Bible

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until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

Eph. 4:13-14, CSB

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But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

Eph. 4:15-16, CSB

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1. Reflect Jesus
2. Grow Up in Jesus

The church is the bearer to all the nations of a gospel that announces the kingdom, the reign, and the sovereignty of God. It calls men and women to repent of their false loyalty to other powers, to become believers in the one true sovereignty, and so to become corporately a sign, instrument, and foretaste of that sovereignty of the one true and living God over all nature, all nations, and all human lives.

It is not meant to call men and women out of the world into a safe religious enclave but to call them out in order to send them back as agents of God's kingship.

- Lesslie Newbigin

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The Mercy of Hell, the Surprise of
Judgment, the Hope of Holy War

The Skeletons in God's Closet

JOSHUA RYAN BUTLER

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“Jeremiah hated Christianity.

And I can't say I blame him.”