

## **A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHURCH** **EPHESIANS 4:1-6**

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*"...Walk in a manner worth of the calling to which you have been called with all humility and gentleness with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace..."*

Ephesians 4:1-3

### **EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT:**

COVID-19 has made so many things different. Some of it is bad different but some of it is \_\_\_\_\_ different.

The crisis has reminded us of what the church actually is. It's not a building. It's the \_\_\_\_\_!

This series will explore the difference Christ has made and what that looks like in our day to day life.

### **A DIFFERENT KIND OF UNITY:**

To walk in a matter worthy of something means to have your \_\_\_\_\_ life shaped by the reality of that thing.

A church that has its entire life shaped by the Gospel will possess a different type of \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

Many things can \_\_\_\_\_ the unity created by Holy Spirit. We ought to resist them and maintain the unity.

## **WHY OUR UNITY IS DIFFERENT:**

The unity we have isn't grounded on preferences or affinities. It's grounded in the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

The degree to which we elevate the \_\_\_\_\_ about Him is the degree to which we'll experience unity of the Spirit.

## **HOW OUR UNITY IS MAINTAINED:**

Paul mentions a list of virtues that help \_\_\_\_\_ the unity described in this passage. (Eph 4:2)

The first is \_\_\_\_\_. It's not thinking less of yourself. It's thinking of yourself less. (Philippians 2:3-4)

The next virtue is \_\_\_\_\_ or meekness. A good definition would be "power under control."

Lastly, this unity is maintained by a willingness to bear with one another in \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

## **THE MOTIVATION FOR OUR UNITY:**

All of these – humility, gentleness, patience, love – have been \_\_\_\_\_ to us by Christ. We've been adopted, forgiven, sealed by the Spirit and saved by grace. (Eph 1-2)

Imagine what would happen if we \_\_\_\_\_ the different kind of unity Christ has made possible.