

THE CHURCH CONNECTS
Ephesians 4:1-16 (CSB)

1. One CALLING. (Vs 1-6)

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making 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 at your calling—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (CSB)

... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (CSB)

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6 (CSB)

- We think our life is about our mission with God playing a part and not God's mission with us playing our part.

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Ephesians 4:5-6 (CSB)

2. One GOD. (Vs 7-10)

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. ⁹ But what does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower parts of

the earth? ¹⁰ The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things.

Ephesians 4:7-10 (CSB)

You ascended to the heights, taking away captives; you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious, so that the LORD God might dwell there.

Psalms 68:18 (CSB)

But what does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things.

Ephesians 4:9-10 (CSB)

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Ephesians 4:10 (CSB)

3. One MISSION. (Vs 11-16)

And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. ¹⁶ 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.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CSB)

Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." ²¹ He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ Working together with him, we also appeal to you, "Don't receive the grace of God in vain." ² For he says: At an acceptable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. See, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 5:18–6:2 (CSB)

- Good citizens don't push back the true powers of darkness... Kingdom citizens do.