

I. We Are Committed To Unity (1-3)

A. We must embrace a costly commitment (1a) - “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord...”

B. We must embrace a consecrated commitment (1b) - “...walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

C. We must embrace a conforming commitment (2) - “With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.”

1. Humility - “With all humility {lowered mind} and gentleness {meek manner}...”

2. Patience - “...with patience {patient attitude}, bearing {patient actions} with one another...”

3. Love - “...in love.” Love others because you love Him.... and He loves them!

D. We must embrace a continuing commitment (3) - “Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

II. We Are Connected In Unity (4)

A. Reacquire this lost concept (4a) - “There is one body...”

Man sees Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Pentecostal. God sees His children.

Ps 119:63 - “I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.”

B. Rest in this common bond (4b) - “..and one Spirit...”

C. Rejoice in this shared hope (4c) - “...just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.”

Despite all of our preferences and differences, we share the common hope of being with Christ forever!

III. We Are Consecrated Through Unity (5-6)

A. He has given us one Authority (5a) - “One Lord...”

B. He has given us one point of solidarity (5b) - “...one faith...”

C. He has required one loyalty (5c) - “...one baptism.”

D. He has revealed to us our one priority (6) - “One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all...”

1. His preeminence - “...who is over all...”

2. His power - “...and through all...”

3. His presence - “...and in all.”