



Building the Church's Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

*Move from theology to practicality.
(Romans 12:1, Colossians 3:5)*

How are we to walk worthy?

1. Walking in _____
2. Walking in _____

1. The _____ Which Brings Christian Unity *(Matthew 11:29, 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8)*

Meekness and Love—Paul's meekness and love were manifest in two ways:

- a. In respect to _____
- b. In respect to _____

2. The Divine _____ of Christian Unity *(1 Corinthians 8:6; 12:4-13, Philippians 2:11, Acts 8:16; 19:5; 1 Corinthians 1:13-15)*

- a. The Person of _____
- b. The Person of _____

1. We share one hope—_____
2. We share a second hope—_____

- c. The Person of _____

3. The _____ to Build Christian Unity



- a. Paul Recognizes the _____
(1 John 1:3)
- b. Paul calls us to be _____
(Ezekiel 13:10, Jeremiah 6:14, Romans 14:19, Romans 12:18, James 3:17, 18; John 17:21-23)
1. We must _____ on our unity.
 2. We must _____ on Christ.
 3. We must _____ the Holy Spirit for help.
 4. We must _____ peacemakers.

Group Discussion:

▪ Start It Out

Describe the moment when a child becomes an adult. Is there a moment? When in your development did you “feel” like an adult? When did you “feel” like you were mature? What are the signs of maturity or adulthood?

▪ Talk It Out

Why do you think Paul says to be completely humble and gentle? Why is it necessary to add completely?

What does it mean to “bear with one another?” Why do you think its coupled to patience?

Paul writes about being unified as a church. How well has the church stayed unified? How unified do you think our church is?

▪ Walk It Out—Cross the Bridge: Your Next 7 Day Assignment

Evaluate the last six month. In what ways do you need to grow in humility, gentleness, patience, and peace? Spend time exploring this in prayer and ask God to help you grow in these areas. Identify any specific steps you can take this week.