

The background is a detailed landscape painting of Ephesus, Turkey, at sunset. In the foreground on the left, the dark, silhouetted ruins of the Temple of the Virgin Mary are visible, with its iconic archway framing the view. Below the temple, the city of Ephesus is depicted with its characteristic tiered architecture and a prominent church spire. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, with wispy clouds catching the light. The overall mood is serene and historical.

EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

“For this reason” - Paul’s Prayer

1. with power strengthened
2. Christ “dwells” in our hearts
3. Rooted and grounded in love
4. Comprehend with all the saints
5. Know the love of Christ

‘Called’ response

- WALK in a WORTHY manner (#3)
 - All humility
 - Gentleness
 - Patience (longsuffering)
 - Bearing with (sustain, endure)...
 - ...in love

The actions to unity in HS

- Be diligent, labor – He 4:11
 - Response when He empowers/enables
 - Unity – 4:13 – agreement
 - The answer to Jesus' prayer-Jn 17
- Bond of peace
 - Bound together like a human body
 - No peace, unity without love

7 Focal Points

1. One Body – 1:23; 2:16; 1Co 12-14
 - God gives life to it and puts it together
2. One Spirit – HS is one in the same to all
3. One Hope of your calling
 - The great day of redemption
 - We shall all stand before Him...

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4. One Lord - Mt 7:21-23

5. One Faith – not several!

6. One Baptism

– Referring to Water ordinance

– Ro 6:3; 1Co 12:13

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7. One God and Father of all

–God loves all His children

–See 3:14! Father of every family...

–Of all, above all – so why/how can we fight with each other???

• How do these things bring unity? (3)