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EPHESIANS 4:1-6

I therefore, *a prisoner for the Lord*, **urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called**, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ **made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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“...as citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of
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⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such **harmony** with one another, **in accord** with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that *together* you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Philippians 2:6-11

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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“...in light of several hints within the letter, especially the emphasis on Christ as “lord” and “savior,” and of the loyalty of this colony to the cult of the emperor, it seems very likely that the (Roman) citizens of Philippi, who would have honored the emperor at every public gathering, were putting special pressure on the Philippian believers; since their allegiance had now been given to another...”

(Fee, The New International Commentary on the New Testament: Paul's Letter to the Philippians: Pg.167)

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