

|Mission Harvest Baptist Church

Preparing with God: "Glory in the Church" Pt. 2

Intro: This morning we pick up halfway through Ephesians 4 and it is helpful to remember the PURPOSE of the book: to reveal the role, purpose and mystery of the body of Christ. Devotionally, this book reveals that our daily lifestyle reflects our heart attitude and understanding of all we have received when we were placed in Christ as members of His body and His bride. It is also helpful to consider our POSITION in the book as it lays out the body of Christ:

Eph. 1: The ORIGIN of the body of Christ: Believers are IN CHRIST.

- *Selected by the Father*
- *Saved by the Son*
- *Sealed by the Spirit*

Eph. 2: The FORMATION of the body of Christ: Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel of grace

- *Raised to newness of life*
- *Recreated into the image of Christ*
- *Reconciled unto the Father by the Son*
- *Reunited into the Household of God*

Eph. 3: The DESIGN of the body of Christ: Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel to the praise of His glory for all to see

- *The Plan of the Father*
- *The Power of the Son*
- *The Purpose of the Church*
- *The Praise of His Glory*

Eph. 4: The CALLING of the body of Christ: Believers are in Christ to WALK WORTHY

- *Called to walk in _____ through our ATTITUDE and the EXERCISE of our spiritual gifting (Eph. 4:1-16)*

Eph. 4:17-32: Called to walk in _____ by putting off the old man and putting on the new man

2 Cor. 5:17 – Therefore if any man be IN CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. **"This I say *therefore*..."** (Eph. 4:17; Eph. 1:1; Eph. 1:15; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 2:11; Eph. 2:19; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 3:13; Eph. 4:1; Eph. 4:17)

2. How to walk in _____ (Eph. 4:17 – "in the vanity of their mind;" 2 Cor. 10:5)

- a. Walk like the WORLD (Eph. 4:17; Eph. 2:2)
- b. Don't learn CHRIST (Eph. 4:18; Ps. 119:130)
- c. Give up on God; Trust in YOURSELF (Eph. 4:19)
- d. Treat truth as RELATIVE (Eph. 4:20)
- e. Seek self VALIDATION (Eph. 4:26-27)
- f. Take what you deserve (Eph. 4:28)
- g. Tell us how you really FEEL (Eph. 4:29)
- h. Never forget (Eph. 4:31; Ps. 103:12)

Ecclesiastes 1:1 –

God's answer to our vanity problem: _____ (Eph. 4:15)

3. How to walk in _____ (1 Pet. 1:15-16)

- a. Learn _____ (Eph. 4:20; 2 Pet. 3:18; Ps. 119:9-11)
- b. Put off the OLD man (Eph. 4:22; Rom. 12:1)
- c. Put on the _____ man (Eph. 4:24)
- d. Walk in the SPIRIT (Eph. 4:23, 30; Gal. 5:16, 25)

Key Take: We move toward (and look like!) the thing that we focus on. If we focus on our own PURITY, the more carnal we will become. If we focus on Christ – learning of Him, talking with Him, walking with Him – the more pure He will make us ... for His glory.