

Unity in the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:1-6

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I. Because of Whom We Are in Christ

- A. Therefore—based upon the preceding doctrine from Chapters 1-3
- B. We are to walk worthily
- C. Of the calling which we have in Christ (with which we have been called)

II. Characterized by Attitude and Action

- A. These attributes are attitudes which we hold and which guide our behavior
- B. These govern our behavior toward one another:
 - 1. Humility—what do we have that we have not received? (1 Co 4:7)
 - 2. Gentleness—Mt 11:29; Phil 4:5; I Thess 2:7; Titus 3:2
 - 3. Patience—Rom 2:4, Gal 5:22;
 - 4. Tolerant (showing tolerance) toward one another--"Putting up with"
- C. In Love (ἀγάπη)

III. Preserve the Unity of the Spirit

- A. Unity is the Highest Calling of a Believer and the Congregation
- B. Psalm 133:1-3: Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in Unity!
- C. John 17:11: "that they may be one even as we (the Father & the Son) are One"
:21: "that they may all be one, even as You Father are in Me and I in You"
- D. Acts 2:1: "they were all with one accord in one place"

IV. What is the Unity of the Spirit?

- A. It is not in agreement with one another in all things
- B. Different attributes, aptitudes, and gifts often predispose us to different views
- C. It is the unified focus upon a single goal: to be like Jesus and to glorify His Name
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