

Oneness: Building or Breaking the Church - Week 5

A study of Ephesians 4

We have been called to one body; therefore, as we seek to walk in unity, we are walking worthy of the calling we have from God.

Ephesians 1:1-8; John 17:20-23

We are called to be eager for unity by practicing love.

Ephesians 4:1-3; Ephesians 2:14

Humility _____

Gentleness _____

Patience _____

Bearing with one another _____

Peace _____

We are united by the Father who is unified in Himself.

Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 8:6

We are given gifts to maintain unity.

Ephesians 4:7-11; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Our unity is threatened by sin. **BEWARE!**

Ephesians 4:22-32

What threatens our unity according to Ephesians 4...

1. Lies- "Put away falsehood." *Ephesians 4:25*

INSTEAD- speak truth with your neighbor

2. Sin resulting from anger. "Be angry but do not sin."

Ephesians 4:26-27

INSTEAD- resolve your anger

3. Corrupting talk- "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths." *Ephesians 4:29*

INSTEAD- build up one another and give grace

4. The underlying attitudes and practice of bitterness (wrath,

anger, clamor, slander and malice). *Ephesians 4:30-32*

INSTEAD- Be kind to one another **AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.**

Life Application Questions:

1. Read Luke 17 to more clearly understand Jesus' heart toward unity in the body.
2. Read Ephesians 1-3 to understand the Christian's message. Then Read Ephesians 4-6 to comprehend the Christian's mission.
3. From the Ephesians passage, what traits do you feel you need to work on? Why?
4. Are there unresolved conflicts between you and another believer that need to be settled? Who? Why? When will you settle it?
5. Reflect on the grace of Christ towards you and your sins, mistakes, etc. Having received His grace and love, how will you now extend that grace to others?