

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 4:1-6 - Unity Part 1: Called to Oneness - 02.25.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been a part of or observed a group of people all working together in such a way that they formed a single unit?
*** (As I shared noticing with the UW Marching Band and their performances during their tribute to the military).*
What would have happened if you/they weren't walking worthy of your/their calling as a part of that group/organization?
How does Ephesians 4:1 and the call for us to walk worthy of our calling relate to all that Paul has written in 1-3?
As you consider the church, how does how we walk reveal our unity in Christ?
3. Look at Ephesians 4:2-3 - What are the characteristics that should be evident in our lives if we are walking in the Lord?
As you consider your life, how evident are these characteristics and are there specific areas where you feel you need to grow?
How do these characteristics presuppose the potential for conflict in our lives?
How does verse 3 help us to see the MEANS by which we can walk worthy of our calling?
4. What does it look like to eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?
How eager are you to maintain unity with other brothers and sisters whom the Lord has brought into your life?
What does maintenance look like as it pertains to preserving unity in the Church?
What happens if we neglect the eagerness to regularly maintain the unity of the Spirit?
Do you feel convicted by the Spirit that there are specific believers with whom you're struggling to be united?
What practical steps can you take toward restoring unity where it's currently broken?
5. How do verses 4-6 reveal the activity of each person of the Trinity toward our unity and how do all of these "ONES" lead to unity?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
BECAUSE OF THE TRUTHS IN CHAPTERS 1-3:
Our identity in Christ leads to living for/in Him!
Our lives reflect the life to which we're called!
We don't naturally gravitate toward oneness!
Unity is a supernatural work of the Spirit in us!
We eagerly seek to maintain our unity in Lord!
We proactively/intentionally pursue unity in Him!
All that unites us is greater than our differences!
We must choose to dwell on all of our ONES!