

Ephesians 4:1-16
Class notes - November 1, 2023

In chapters 1-3 Paul...

- develops the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- takes us into an alternative reading of reality
- celebrates the wonder of being "in Christ"

In chapters 4-6 Paul...

- develops the everyday implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- takes us into the everyday dynamics of this alternative reading of reality
- calls us to the walk of being "in Christ"

1-3 = the calling

4-6 = walking(living) in a manner worthy of the calling

Walking in Unity - vs. 1-6

V. 1 - "Therefore, I beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called" NRSV

- "Therefore" - implicit in verse after verse of the first 3 chapters
- "Walk" _____ - found 7 times: (2:2, 10: 4:1, 17: 5:2, 8, 15)
- "Worthy of your calling" _____

Paul describes the calling as two-fold: _____ and _____

V 4 - ONE _____ ONE _____ ONE _____

V 5 - ONE _____ ONE _____ ONE _____

V 6 - ONE _____ ONE _____

OF _____ WHO IS OVER _____ LIVING THROUGH _____

V 3 - How should we approach unity? _____

V 2 - What will we need from the Spirit besides peace? _____

Walking in Maturity - vs. 7-16

The _____ created by the Holy Spirit is not about _____!

V 7 - give is used three times (7, 8, 11)

V 8 - Psalm 68:18

V 9-10 - What greater accomplishment was achieved after Jesus descended?

V 11 - Support gifts for the "one body":

- _____ - lay the theological foundation for the church
- _____ - fresh revelations for challenges the churches were facing
- _____ - gifted in bringing good news to those who've never heard it
- _____ - shepherd
- _____ - keep bringing the one body back to the truth of the gospel

V 12 - Why has Jesus given some people to the one body?

To equip God's people to do 2 things:

1. to do his _____
2. _____ the body of Christ, the church

V 13 This will continue until _____

V 14 - Immaturity looks like: _____

V 15 - Maturity looks like: _____

V 16 - The One Body of Christ is made to fit perfectly when Christ is the head, healthy and growing and full of love!

NOV 8th | Reflection Questions | Eph. 4:17-32

1. What observations can we make based on Paul's teachings about people who are far from God?

2. Paul refers to a new way of life. What is he talking about and what is the process?

3. "And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live" – What does Paul mean by this statement? What does this mean to you and the way you live?