

## **A Church that walks worthy**

### **Ephesians 4:1-16**

**Context:** In chapters 1-3, Paul expounds the gracious salvation that everyone in Christ enjoys for the praise and glory of God. Chapter 4 introduces the second half of the letter which tells us how we should live because of those truths. Chapters 1-3 express the doctrines of the faith. Chapters 4-6 instruct us how to live out that faith.

**Main Idea:** The church, called of God, lives worthily when every member ministers to one another towards maturity.

### **A Church that walks worthy will...**

1. Maintain the unity of the Spirit (Eph 4:1-6)
  - A. We do this by humbly, gently, patiently, lovingly, bearing with one another as Christ does with us - Reminding ourselves of the peace and reconciliation we have with God, and therefore with one another. (v.2-3)
  - B. This unity is something already had among believers because of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Therefore, our work is to guard, keep, and protect this unity.
  - C. Specific areas of oneness are found in verses 4-6, where the word "one" is used seven times!
  
2. Embrace Christ's gifts (Eph 4:7-10)
  - A. Our ascended Lord Jesus, who is head of all things, has given diverse gifts to the church. Although our gifts differ, every gift is uniquely given for the health of the body of Christ.
  - B. Have you embraced your gift?
  
3. Build itself up in love (Eph 4:11-16)
  - A. Every verse from 12-16, expresses something about our need to mature as a body into Christlikeness! This cannot happen apart from every member ministry. Therefore, church is more than just coming to a Sunday service (or watching online), singing a few songs, listening to a sermon, and then leaving.
  - B. If we love the church, we will serve the church (v.2,15,16). Are you lovingly doing your part so that the church can grow up in Christlikeness?