

THEREFORE

Unity



a study on Ephesians

¹ I therefore, **a prisoner for the Lord**,
urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling to which you
have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one
another in love,

³ eager to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 1-3

URGED to be WORTHY

¹ I *therefore*, a prisoner for the Lord, **URGE** you to **WALK** in a manner **WORTHY** of the calling to which you have been called,

URGE – “APPEAL, BESEECH, DEMAND, IMPLORE”

--- NOT A WISH, HOPE, COULD... “YOU MUST”

WALK – TO LIVE, OR THE PURPOSE

--- THESE ARE BELIEVERS, THE CHURCH

WORTHY – COUNTERBALANCE, OF EQUAL WEIGHT

--- LIVE EQUAL TO THE “VALUE” OF THE PURPOSE

CALLING to which you were CALLED...

¹ I ***therefore***, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the **CALLING** to which you have been **CALLED**,

Calling – “Response to the Gospel”

Called People – “Ekklesia - ἐκκλησία” The Church

***Ek or Ex* – Out of or From *Kaleo* – to Call**

THIS IS THE TURNING POINT IN THE LETTER...

Ch 1-3 – The Calling

Ch 4-6 – Walking in a manner worthy of the Calling

Gentle and Lowly

² with all **HUMILITY** and **GENTLENESS**, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

Humility – (Lowly)

NOT thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less...

Gentle – (Meek)

Meekness is NOT weakness - Power under control

Matthew 11:29 – “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Bearing with one another

² with all humility and gentleness, with **PATIENCE,
BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE**

Patience – (Longsuffering)

Never giving up under prolonged provocation

Bearing with one another in LOVE –

NOT a fakeness or façade...

NOT outward actions with inward seething...

Making allowance for faults and failures

1 John 4:19 “We love because he first loved us.”

UNITY – Spirit and Peace

³ eager to maintain the **UNITY OF THE SPIRIT**
in the **BOND OF PEACE.**

**Attitudes of Humility, Gentleness, and Patience
will be the perfect environment for UNITY!**

**Unity in Christ and Bound in Peace.
The Flesh Divides... The Spirit Unifies!**

*John 16:33 – “I have said these things to you, that in me
you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

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It is absurd to think that a man can believe in Christ, with his heart, and it not have a radical affect on the rest of his life.

- Paul Washer

Pray -

***“What needs to change in my life to be
WORTHY of call to which I have been called?”***

..... Take Note!

***“What needs to change in my life to be MEEK,
GENTLE, and PATIENT?”***

..... Take Note!

***“What needs to change in my life so that I
might LIVE IN UNITY and PEACE?”***

..... Take Note!

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