

Connected Ephesians: Week 8

THE BODY OF CHRIST WALKING WORTHY

A Look into the Children's Ministry

Review of Ephesians 1-3

If you believe the wrong things, you'll behave the wrong way.

Way #1: Walk according to our _____.

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

POINT FROM TEXT

A. The call of the Christian life has to be understood as _____. *"prisoner of the Lord"*

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- It will cost you to be _____ to Christ, but it will cost you _____ not to be loyal.

B. The call of the Christian life has to be understood as _____. *"urge"*

- *"URGE"* - To call to one's _____; to plea or _____; wanting to help someone.
- We need to stop focusing so much on _____ and start focusing on _____.

C. The call of the Christian life has to be understood as _____. *"live a life worthy of the calling you have received"*

- *"LIVE"* - Daily _____ or day-by-day living.
- *"WORTHY"* - Balancing the _____; living to match one's position.
- Some of us just need to stop saying what we _____ since we act like we _____.

QUESTION

- When are we going to stop making it _____ on everyone else?

Illustration - "Getting Things Backwards"

Way #2: Walk according to our _____.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

POINT FROM TEXT

A. These characteristics are not the _____ but the _____ of a called believer.

- "HUMBLE" - Something _____ but never _____.
- "GENTLE" - Self/power under _____.
- "PATIENT" - Longsuffering without _____ or complaining.
- "BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE" - _____ up with each other or _____.
- "UNITY OF THE SPIRIT" - Something _____, not created.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- To express these qualities, we must rid ourselves of our _____, our harshness, our timing, our _____, and our natural understanding.

QUESTION

- When do we start _____ like a _____ Christian?

Illustration - "The Society Woman"

Way #3: Walk according to our _____.

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

POINT FROM TEXT

- A. There is a _____ spiritually that produces a _____ practically.
- "ONE _____" - Every saint who has trusted in Christ.
 - "ONE _____" - Holy Spirit.
 - "ONE _____" - Promise of inheritance and _____.
 - "ONE _____" - Jesus Christ.
 - "ONE _____" - Content in the Word of God.
 - "ONE _____" - Water as a testimony of identity.
 - "ONE _____" - Most divine title in Three Persons.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- There will be no unity seen by the _____ until we recognize unity from our _____.

QUESTION

- When are we going to start being _____ with God's salvation?

Illustration - "Change Your Name"