

MEMBERS OF HIS BODY

~ An in-depth study of Ephesians ~

“Our High Calling To Christian Unity”

Ephesians 4:1-3

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

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

- Our high calling as Christians

1. We are called to be _____ of Christ’s body

“And God has put all things under his feet and made him the supreme Head of the church - which is his body, filled with himself the Author and Giver of everything everywhere.”

Ephesians 1:22-23 (Living Bible)

2. We are called to be a _____

and _____ for God.

“We who believe are carefully joined together with Christ as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God. And you also are joined with him and with each other by the Spirit, and are part of this dwelling place of God.”

Ephesians 2:21-22 (Living Bible)

3. We are called to have our heart be a _____
_____ for Christ.

“May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love.”

Ephesians 3:17 (Amplified Bible)

- Relational virtues necessary for unity

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

- Be completely humble (lowly of mind)
- Be gentle (meek)
- Be patient (longsuffering)
- Bearing with one another (forbearance)
- In love (unconditional, divine love)

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

- We must preserve the gift of unity

“Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NASB)

- The rich blessings of unity – Psalm 133:1-3
- The key – Christ living in us



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