

- Setting of Ephesians
 - City of Ephesus
 - Paul founding Pastor (from Jail)
 - Written to the Church
- Series
 - Understanding Who I Am
 - Becoming Who We Are
- Today
 - plea to practice this new reality

"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. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

- 1. Live up to who you are
 - personal nature of plea
 - 'walk in a manner worthy of the calling'
 - a) reminder of the calling Chapters 1-3
 - 1:4 chosen by God before time
 - 1:5 children of God, heirs with Christ
 - 1:7 redeemed by Christ, our debt paid
 - 1:13 sealed with the Holy Spirit

- 2:4-6 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"
 - 2:7 shown immeasurable kindness
- 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"

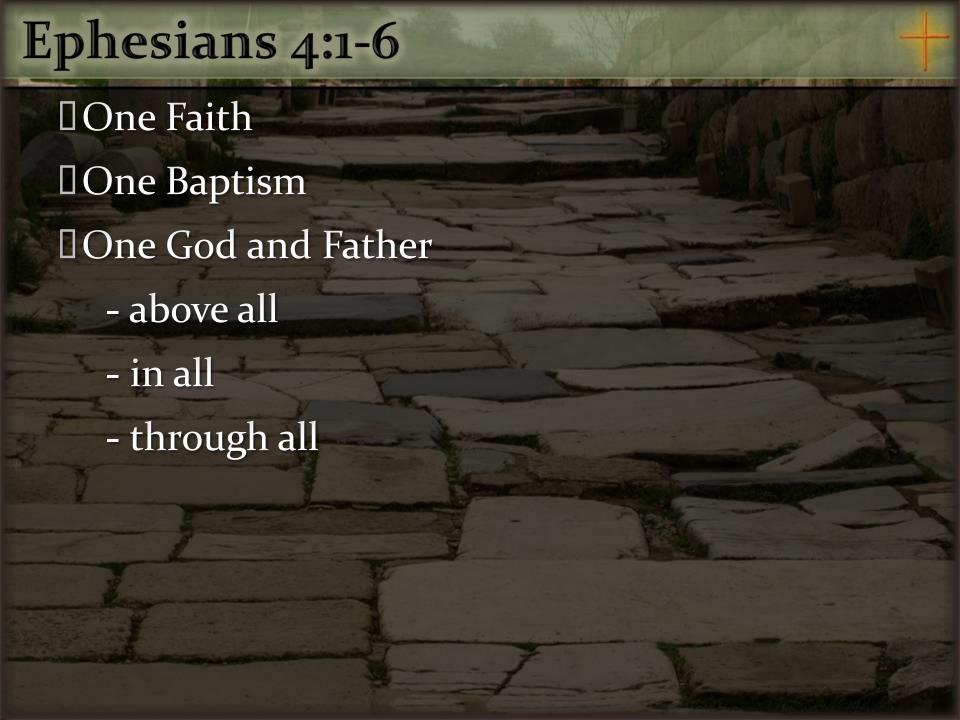
b) For those called – Remember 2:13-16

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility"

- c) walk in a manner worthy
 - represent the position you hold
 - choose to represent well, or not at all
 - choice is ours walk in a manner worthy
- 2. Foundations of Christian Unity
 - ☐ Common Conviction Jesus (Acts 4:12)
 - ☐ Common Confidence Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:15-16)
 - Common Care One Another's Clear (Gal. 5:19ff)

- 3. Postures that Produce Results
 - a) Humility
 - essential Phil 2
 - b) Gentleness
 - power under control
 - c) Patience, bearing one another in Love
 - 1 Cor. 13
- Col 3:13 "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive"

Ephesians 4:1-6 d) eager to Maintain - not apathetic but eager *Unity of the Spirit *Bond of Peace 4. Foundational, Positional Truth ☐One Body One Spirit One Hope One Lord



So What?

- 1. Urged by one Called, Credible and Concerned
- 2. Walk in a Manner Worthy
 - who you are makes a difference
 - choice to make in walking
- 3. Unity in this family a big deal
 - check your postures
 - Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Bearing one another in love, eager

