



## #7. New Unity - Eph 4:1-16

Can we be different and still be United ?

### Eph 4:1 NKJV

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Understanding who we are in Christ is the foundation of this "Worthy Walk".

### Eph 4:2 NKJV

with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

We are being told here to "bear with one another in Love" because if I am truly doing that, then I am putting US before ME.

### Eph 4:3 NKJV

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Notice this passage says: **Keep the Unity**, not create Unity !

God never commands us to create unity among believers. He has created it by **His Spirit** and our duty is to recognize it and keep it.

### Eph 4:4-6 NKJV

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Paul describes **One Body, One Spirit, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism and One Father.**

### Eph 4:7 NKJV

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

There are different spiritual gifts given to each believer.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:4-8 to "let us use them" in reference to those gifts.

### Eph 4:8-10 NKJV

Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,

He led captivity captive,  
And gave gifts to men.”

(Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

#### **Eph 4:11 NKJV**

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

**Apostles** have a “Governing Ministry”.

**Prophets**, you might say have a “Guiding Ministry”

**Evangelists** you could say they have a “Gathering Ministry”.

**Pastor/Teachers** have a “Ministry of Guarding and Grounding”.

#### **Eph 4:12 NKJV**

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**Equipping** in the Greek means, “**to put right**”.

#### **Eph 4:13 NKJV**

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

We need to work side by side, shoulder to shoulder to **love, strengthen, build up, teach and spiritually feed** our brothers & sisters so that we may **mature together** and be perfected in our faith.

#### **Eph 4:14 NKJV**

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

**If we aren't careful we can value movement over growth.**

#### **Eph 4:15 NKJV**

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

#### **Eph 4:16 NKJV**

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Because of our differences and varying skillsets being used TOGETHER, we can share a beautiful NEW UNITY the way God intended** causing continued growth with amazing individuality edifying the Body in

Love and seeing Christ Glorified !

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Check out our life Group page at <https://www.waipunachapel.com/life-groups/> and get connected.

1. When have you found it challenging to walk in Unity ?
- 2 How can we as believers do a better job of embracing our differences ?
3. How can you help contribute to the growth of the Body of Christ and best use your gifts ?
4. Is there one of these verses that impacted you personally ?
5. When Paul explains who you are as a believer in chapters 1 through 3, how does that make you want to “walk worthy” of that calling ?
6. Why do you think it is easier for us to focus on our differences rather than similarities ?

Source:

Jon Courson “Ephesians sermon”

Chuck Smith – Ephesians”

David Guzick ” Enduring word commentary - Ephesians

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