

Act Like You Got Some Sense!

Main Point: Believers are saved in Jesus Christ to be different in this world, and that work is only done through believers' unity in the Holy Spirit.

"Act like you got some sense" is an idiomatic phrase meaning to

- _____ reasonably, use good judgment, or stop acting foolishly. It is often used as a command to
- _____ more maturely or logically. This phrase implies that the person has the capacity for better judgment and should use it to make better decisions. (Webster's Dictionary)

Ephesians' Central Question: Now that we know who we are in Christ how do we actually live that out together?

- Ephesians 1–3: _____: who believers are in Christ, the transformative work of the cross, the new reality we've been brought into.
- Ephesians 4–6: _____: what does a life empowered by the Holy Spirit actually look like in practice?
- Ephesians 4: Turning Point. Paul's invitation to develop a _____ imagination for how to live as the _____ temples God has made us.

Point # 1: Ephesians 4:1–3 | Hear the Invitation (Call)

Key Greek Concepts

parakaleō — "I _____ / _____"

- This is not a soft suggestion. Paul is urgently, passionately from a place of deep love.

axioō — "_____ " (equal weight)

- There should be a balance between what we _____ and how we actually _____.
- The call is to close the gap between _____ and _____.

pateō — "_____ " (to tread a path)

- Rooted in the image of a well-worn road — this is about a _____, embodied way of _____ through life.

What Does "Walk Worthy" or "acting like we have sense" Look Like? (vv. 2–3)

- _____ — a right estimation of self, not self-deprecation
- _____ — strength under control
- _____ — long-suffering; staying in it

- Bearing with one another in _____ — the active choice to remain in community
- Making every effort to maintain _____ — not passive; requires diligent work

Point #2: Ephesians 4:4–16 | On Unity in the Spirit

You are called to be a gift (vv 4-12)

One Body (vv. 4–6)

- One body, one Spirit, one hope
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism
- One God and Father of all

Gifts are an expression of the _____ found in Christ (vv. 7, 11–12)

What Spirit-Led Unity Produces in Us...(vv13-16)

- _____ (teleiotēs) (v. 13)
- _____ (v. 14)
- _____ - a deep expression of to others (vv. 15–16)

The church makes Jesus present on earth through its _____, not its _____.

Point #3: Ephesians 4:17–32 | Put Off the Old, Put On the New

The Old Life (vv. 17–19)

- Futile _____, darkened _____, hardened hearts
- Living as though the _____ didn't happen

The New Imagination (vv. 22–24)

- Put off the _____ self — the one shaped by deceitful desires
- Be _____ in the spirit of your mind
- Put on the _____ self — created in true righteousness and holiness

This is a Spirit-led imagination for who we are _____, not just _____ management.

Relational Ethics: Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit (vv. 25–32)

- _____ like we “got some sense” means _____ from our identity, not toward it
- The Holy Spirit is not just a comfort. The Spirit is the _____ by which this kind of life, this new reality is even _____.
- Unity isn't uniformity. It's the _____ body of Christ, working _____, making Him visible.

Group Reflection Questions

- We talked about the brick wall image -- that friction in community is not a sign something is wrong, it is actually what holds the structure together. Where in your life right now are you experiencing that kind of friction? What would it look like to stay in it rather than pull away?
- Humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep unity -- pick the one that costs you the most right now. Sit with it. Ask the Holy Spirit: *what is the root of why this is hard for me?* Write down whatever comes. (Eph 4:1-3)
- We named an honest critique that sometimes as believers we have focused more on identifying our individual gift than on the purpose of the gift. Where have you seen that play out? What would it look like to reorient around purpose instead?

Personal Reflection Questions

- When you hear "*act like you got some sense*" in the context of your faith, what area of your life does the Holy Spirit immediately bring to mind? What is The Spirit asking you to close the gap on?
- Paul says the old life is marked by aimlessness, turning away from suffering, and hardness of heart. Honestly, where do you see any of those patterns still active in you? What would it look like to name it and hand it to God?
- Thinking about the sequoia image, trees that can only grow tall because their roots are intertwined underground. Who are the women whose roots are intertwined with yours? And is there anyone you have quietly pulled your roots back from?