

Bible Study – February 3, 2021

The Book of Ephesians – Chapter 4

We now begin the second half of Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus, which emphasizes the Christian's walk. The Christian life is compared to a walk because it starts with one step of faith, involves progress, and demands balance and strength.

I. WALK IN UNITY (4:1–16)

We have been called to one body; therefore, as we seek to walk in unity, we are walking worthy of the calling (vocation) we have from God.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The _____ for unity in the church are given in vv. 7-11.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,"

The pastor-teacher is to nourish the saints with the Word of God and equip them for service.

The saints perform the work of the ministry.

Each saint shares in the growth of the church. Unfortunately, there are some Christians who are still babies who are unstable and easily led astray. Ephesians 4:14; 1 Cor. 3:1

The church is a body and must have spiritual food; this food is the Word of God. The church is edified (built up) through the Word of God. Acts 20:32

