

MESSAGE NOTES

Your Calling

Ephesians 4:1-16

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1. How to live life worthy of your calling (Ephesians 4:1-6)

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

We are to make every effort to be completely humble, gentle and patient, bearing with one another in love.

2. Building up and equipping (Ephesians 4:11-13)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

3. No Longer tossed back and forth (Ephesians 4:14-16)

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Conclusion

We have been called to be part of the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the body. As we grow in maturity let's make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Let's be completely humble and genial let's be patient and love one another remembering that we are part of the same body of Christ.