

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of Paul's letter to the church of Ephesus, we have finished first half in which Paul has encouraged the believers regarding their relationship with the one true God.
- * Today, we begin considering the second half of the letter which is more "practical" in nature. We took two weeks to study the passage that we arrive at today, as part of our study regarding The Marks of a Healthy Church (on May 22 & May 29). Hence, today we will be covering it as more of an overview and from the perspective of the result of Paul's instruction regarding the greatness of our calling.
- * Up to this point, we have seen in our study that as believers in Christ -
 - We are blessed with every spiritual blessing, We are Chosen, We are Adopted as Sons of God, We are Accepted (favored by God), We are Redeemed and Pardoned, We are Informed regarding the Will of God, We are Promised an Inheritance, and We are Sealed with the Holy Spirit!
 - We - who once were spiritually dead, and following after the course of the world and Satan - were made alive with Christ, were raised with Christ, and were made to sit together with Christ in heaven.
 - We (Gentiles) - who once were afar off from the promises of God - have been made joint-heirs with those of Israel through Christ!
- * Today, we begin considering: HOW THOSE **FACTS** SHOULD AFFECT OUR LIVES TODAY! First, as a natural progression, Paul discusses how it applies to the church as a whole.

INSTRUCTION**I. A _____ THE GOAL ... THE U _____ OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 4:1-6)****A. Unity Is N _____ By Our C _____ (v. 1-3)**

1. WALKING WITH H _____
2. WALKING WITH P _____
3. WALKING WITH C _____

B. Unity Is R _____ In Our D _____ (v. 1-3)

1. ONE UNIT: ONE BODY ... ONE SPIRIT ... ONE HOPE of your calling
2. ONE CREED: ONE LORD ... ONE FAITH ... ONE BAPTISM
3. ONE GOD:

II. A _____ THE GOAL ... THE S _____ OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 4:7-16)**A. The Lord E _____ the Church (v. 7-11)**

1. HE GIVES GIFTS TO EACH ONE OF US ACCORDING TO HIS GRACE
2. HE GIVES SPECIFIC GIFTS TO SPECIFIC CHURCHES ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

B. The Leaders E _____ the Church (v. 11-12)

1. INTO M _____ ENDEAVORS (v. 12)
3. INTO M _____ EDIFICATION (v. 12, 15-16)
2. INTO M _____ DOCTRINE (v. 14-15)

C. The Members E _____ the Church (v. 12,15-16)

1. THE PROCESS REQUIRES EVERYONE!
 - a. The WHOLE Body ... Joined and Knit Together
 - b. By What EVERY JOINT Supplies
 - c. By Which EVERY PART Does Its Share
2. THE RESULT: THE GROWTH OF THE BODY ... IN LOVE

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU WALKING WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED?
- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH?
- * WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR THIS ASSEMBLY?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO BE A VIBRANT ASSET IN THE EDIFICATION OF ONE ANOTHER IN THIS ASSEMBLY, AND IN THE GREATER CHURCH?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we assist one another in our endeavor to "walk worthy" of the calling?
- * How can we, as a church, display this desire to those who "visit" our assembly?