

Christ's Gifts to the Church

(Pastor John Brackbill/Ephesians 4:7-10/3.29.15)

Bible Study Hour

Theme: Walking in a manner worthy of our calling in the unified body of Christ as He produces maturity in the body by the body.

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ in the context of His body the church (1-6)

- The nature of this exhortation regarding a worthy walk
 - An exhortation rooted in doctrine
 - An exhortation of great urgency
 - An exhortation regarding conduct
 - An exhortation regarding worthy conduct in light of our calling
 - An exhortation regarding our corporate walk
- The characteristics behind a worthy walk as a church (2a)
 - Humility: Lowliness of mind evidenced by not thinking of yourself
 - Gentleness: Strength under control which expresses itself in a humble submissive spirit.
 - Patience: Bearing up under persistent sufferings or aggravations without grumbling or retaliation
- The path to actively pursue a worthy walk as a church (2b-3)
 - Showing loving tolerance
 - Diligently preserving unity
 - And then in verses 4-6 Paul expands on the unity that we are to preserve.
 - And what we saw last time were the foundations of the unity we are to preserve as we walk in a manner worthy of our calling as a church.
- The foundations of the unity preserved in a worthy walk as a church (4-6)
 - Diligently preserve the unity built on the Spirit
 - Diligently preserve the unity built on the Son
 - Diligently preserve the unity built on the Father

As Christ brings about a _____ in His body by _____ (7-16)

- A mature unity through the _____ of Christ's gifts to each person in His body (7-10)
 - _____ those who are in Christ have been given a spiritual gift (7)
 - The nature of your spiritual giftedness is a gift of Christ's _____
 - The _____ of your spiritual giftedness has been determined by Christ
 - The source of your spiritual giftedness is _____
 - As a consequence of Christ's victory (8-10)
 - A foreshadowed victory (8)
 - An explained victory (9-10)
- A mature unity specifically through Christ's equipping gifts to His body (11-16)