

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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AN OUTLINE FOR TONIGHT'S SERMON

24 March 2019—PM

BENDING OVER BACKWARDS

Ephesians 4:1-3

**I. Doctrine: In Light of *All* that God has Done for His Church,
we are To _____ to Perpetuate *Unity and Peace***

- A. –Because This is _____ With *Who* we Are, in
Christ, (Eph. 4:1)
- B. –Because it Greatly _____ The God Who Has
Made us *One*, in Christ, (Eph. 4:4-6)

II. Why *Bending Over Backwards* For Unity and Peace Is

_____, **vv. 1-3**

- A. *Because* there is a Good _____ for it: we Possess a
NEW Calling (or Vocation), v. 1
- B. *Because* there is a Realistic _____ To Maintain it: Sincere
HUMILITY, v. 2
- C. *Because* there is a Blessed _____ *Behind* it: *SUSTAIN-*
ING what Christ *has* Accomplished *in* us, v. 3

**III. Why This Pauline Exhortation is _____ (in
the *first* place)**

- A. –Because our _____ *Rebels* Against our *participation*
in God's New Community, (Gal. 5:17)
- B. –Because God would have us _____ (with Him) *in*
Blessing the Church, (2 Cor. 6:1)

**Key Verse—v. 3: "... *eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*"
(ESV)**