

## Ephesians: Blessed Beyond Belief

### To Build up the Body

Walk in Unity

#### Ephesians 4:1-6 Basis of Unity

- 1 I therefore,  
a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to walk in a manner worthy  
of the calling  
to which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility  
and gentleness,  
with patience,  
bearing with one another  
in love,
- 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is  
one body  
and one Spirit—  
just as you were called  
to the one hope that belongs to your calling—
- 5 one Lord,  
one faith,  
one baptism,
- 6 one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all. (ESV)

#### Review

1:1–3:21 Positional Unity of the Church

1:1-23 God's (life insurance) plan and benefits

1:1-2 A circular letter to those "in Christ"

1:3-14 Believers have: **Every spiritual blessing—to the praise of His glory**

*The plan, provision and protection of Salvation*

All we have in salvation is for His praise and glory

1:15-23 **The prayer for those who have everything**—know God better

2:1–3:21 Steps towards fulfilling God's plan

2:1-10 God's plan (1:3-14) applied to individuals

2:11-22 New Corporate identity

We who were hopeless, separated from God, His promises and His people—have been brought near into a new entity—the Church.

2:13-22 Now have been brought near to God, being made into a new man—entity, the Church

3:1-13 The mystery of the Church is revealed after Christ

Paul explains his role as administrator and dispenser of the mystery to the Gentiles

The church is not natural—unity in spite of diversity is difficult

To show the wisdom of God

3:14-21 Prayer and Praise

3:14-19 Prayer for the Ephesians to know and experience Christ's love and experience maturity filled by God

The impossibly big prayer for intimacy and to be total consumed with God

3:20-21 Doxology: Praise to God for His superabounding

## Exposition

IV. God's plan applied individually 2:1-10

V. God's plan applied corporately 2:11-22

VI. Expanding on the mystery: Paul's role and their benefits 3:1-13

VII. Paul's Prayer for the New Community 3:14-21

VIII. Proper Conduct in the Church 4:1-6:9

A. Walk in Unity 4:1-16

1. Basis for unity 4:1-6

a) Command: Preserve the unity of Spirit by walking worthy of your call 4:1-3  
Proper attitude for unity

(1) Walk worthy 4:1

(2) Walk in love 4:2

(3) Maintain unity 4:3

b) Reason: Example of the Trinity as the basis for unity 4:4-6  
7 Fundamental Theological Realities

1) One body

2) One Spirit

3) One hope

4) One Lord

5) One faith

6) One baptism

7) One God and Father of all

2. Enablement for unity 4:7-16

## Application