

[SG Study]

Unity is not a choice—it is a command from God

Ephesians 4:1–6

Paul teaches about the new life that believers in Jesus are called to live—a life transformed by the gospel. While accurately understanding the gospel is important, living it out is even more vital. As we reflect on today's passage, may we respond by living a transformed life in Christ and commit ourselves to walking in His way.

Both families and churches are called to become one team in Jesus. Let us share what is most needed to form this one team.

1. Up to chapter 3, Paul used the indicative mood to describe the identity of those who are saved. But starting in chapter 4, he shifts to the imperative mood to show how those who are saved should live. Paul begins by urging believers to live a life worthy of the calling they have received (v.1). Share something you've done recently to live as a child of God.

2. Next, Paul calls us to live in a way that reflects the character of Jesus (v.2). What are the four Christlike virtues mentioned here? Among them, Which one do you most need in order to reflect the image of Christ?

3. Paul also commands us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (v.3). What role are you currently playing in maintaining unity within your church community? If you haven't taken on a specific role yet, decide and share what kind of role you would like to take moving forward.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)