

“I. Therefore” **Ephesians 4:1**

Our text is the 1 word “Therefore” in its _____ not just in this book but throughout the writings of Paul
“Therefore” divides the book of Ephesians in _____ ; chapters 1-3 outline who we are “in _____”
The first half of the book focuses on our privileges, the second half on our _____
This same division based on the word “therefore” is found in _____

I. “THEREFORE” IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE _____ & THE _____
The reservoir of truth in our lives must be properly connected so it can flow into our _____

- A. In Some Christians the Connection to the _____ Is Missing
- 1) If you get someone saved by entertaining him, it is difficult to get him interested in _____
 - 2) Many Christians in good churches don’t like doctrine; their cry is, “Let’s just be _____”
 - 3) We have no foundation for addressing practical issues with a connection to _____
- B. In Some Christians the Connection to the _____ Is Missing
- 1) Some people love doctrinal _____ ; they love having Bible knowledge, but this knowledge makes no difference in their _____
 - 2) People in a church like MBC can love good preaching and yet fail to _____

II. “THEREFORE” IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR _____ & OUR _____

- A. In Some Christians the Connection to Our _____ Is Missing
- 1) Many Christians are focused on _____ a list of do’s and don’ts rather than understanding the freedom & the privileges they have because they have been justified by Christ
 - 2) The way to have a good “Christ-image” is to focus on the position we have _____
- B. In Some Christians the Connection to Our _____ Is Missing
- 1) It is a universal law written into God’s creation that privilege always begets _____
 - 2) This connection between privilege and responsibility has been in place since the _____
 - 3) Often _____ is being able to put the “therefore” between our privileges & responsibilities

III. “THEREFORE” IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR _____ & OUR _____

- A. In Some Christians the Connection to _____ Is Missing
- 1) Some Christians substitute knowledge of positional holiness for effort toward _____ holiness
 - 2) Some teach that in order to be sanctified all we need to do is remind ourselves of the _____
 - 3) After the “therefore” in Paul’s books, he instructs us to _____ something about holiness
- B. In Some Others the Connection to _____ Is Missing
- 1) Some people mistakenly try to live a holy, sanctified life without first being _____
 - 2) Being a Christian is first of all about what _____ has done rather than what we must do