

“Walking Worthy of the Lord for the sake of UNITY” (4:1-6)

BIG IDEA:

God’s purpose for you, His child, is that your wealth in Christ be manifested in your “walk” in and outside the body of Christ. This includes guarding the unity of the Spirit.

I. The EXHORTATION to a Worthy Walk in Christ (v 1-3)

A. You are _____ to walk _____ of your calling

- * What does Paul mentioning “prisoner in the Lord” remind us of?
- * What does “worthy” mean?
- * This worthy walk is one of _____

B. You are to walk worthy of the Lord in _____ the unity in Christ

- * keep:
 - * What is the foundation of this unity in Christ?
 - * What is required for the unity of the Spirit to be guarded or preserved?
 - * The manner of the worthy walk starts by seeing yourself as a _____ of _____
- * The _____ that the Holy Spirit must produce for this to be true include:
 - * Regarding yourself: _____ & _____
- * “all” --
- * Towards others:
 - _____
 - _____

* How is this to be done? (v3)

I. The ELEMENTS of the unity of the Spirit (v 4-6)

A. The _____ elements of Christian unity are arranged around each _____ of the trinity.

B. Biblical unity is built on the truth...

1. that there is one _____

* First, Paul is not referring to the visible church, but rather to the _____, spiritual body of Christ, composed of _____ genuine believers in every time and place since the Day of Pentecost.

* True Christian unity is always based on this principle of _____ in Christ, not on an organizational basis.

* If other individuals or other local churches are _____ of this one body of Christ, we should _____ when they do well.

2. that there is one _____

3. that there is one _____

4. that there is one _____

5. that there is one _____

6. that there is one _____

7. that there is one _____

* over

* through

* in

* What does this mean to you?