

# Foundations of Church Unity

(Pastor John Brackbill/Ephesians 4:4-6/3.15.15)

Bible Study Hour

## Walk in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ in the context of His body the church (1-6)

- The nature of this exhortation regarding a worthy walk
  - An exhortation rooted in doctrine
  - An exhortation of great urgency
  - An exhortation regarding conduct
  - An exhortation regarding a worthy conduct in light of our calling
  - An exhortation regarding our corporate walk
- The characteristics behind a worthy walk as a church (2a)
  - Humility: Lowliness of mind evidenced by not thinking of yourself
  - Gentleness: Strength under control which expresses itself in a humble submissive spirit.
  - Patience: Bearing up under persistent sufferings or aggravations without grumbling or retaliation
- The path to actively pursue a worthy walk as a church (2b-3)
  - Showing loving tolerance
  - Diligently preserving unity
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the unity preserved in a worthy walk as a church (4-6)
  - Diligently preserve the unity built on the Spirit (4)
    - We are baptized \_\_\_\_\_ into the same body the church
    - We are unified \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's body the church

- Both of which are illustrated by our same calling of hope \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit
- Diligently preserve the unity built on the Son (5)
  - We all are \_\_\_\_\_ by the same Lord
  - We all \_\_\_\_\_ in the same Lord for redemption
  - We all are partakers of the same \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord
- Diligently preserve the unity built on the Father (6)
  - We all have the \_\_\_\_\_ who is the one God of all His children
  - We all have the same Father \_\_\_\_\_ over us
  - We all have the same Father \_\_\_\_\_ through us
  - We all have the same Father \_\_\_\_\_ in us