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Ephesians Chapter 4, Verses 4-6

Alright let's open our Bibles to the Book of Ephesians Chapter 4, Verse 4. We continue our verse by verse study through the Book of Ephesians Chapter 4, Verse 4 tonight and we'll look at verses 4, 5 and 6 as we have communion as well this evening.

Paul had written this letter from Roman house arrest some five years after he left Ephesus having spent three years there planting the church. Not only to the Ephesians but also to the churches round about many of them listed there in Revelation 2 and 3. Paul wrote this cyclical letter that really had the topic of blessing not so much correction. It isn't a Corinthian letter where you have to correct the behavior. It has to be a letter of encouragement and this is all that you can be in Christ. Paul spends three chapters just listing the blessing and the privileges and the promises and the honor that God has given to His people. Three chapters where he says to you look at yourself from God's point of view. See yourself as God sees you, that's really what the first three chapters are about. They are the work of God in the life of the people for us. So we spent quite a bit of time in the first three chapters. What should we see when we look at the church from God's point of view? Beginning in Chapter 4 and through the rest of the Book winding around that word therefore in Chapter 4, Verse 1. Paul then begins to apply the living conditions or the application to our life so that it becomes a living application. If you know all of these things, these doctrinal truths then have you lived them out? Or what would God like to have the world see about Him in the lives of His people? First what He wants you to see then what He would like the world to see in you, so the application that follows the principle. We said last week when we started Chapter 4 that Christian living is always one of response. We're not really supposed to be telling you what to do for God. We really ought to be teaching you what God has done for you. Because the response will then be that you'll make yourself available. You can't help but respond when God loves you. We love Him because He first loved us. So beginning in Chapter 4 is that issue of how do I respond to the doctrinal truths

that I've been given? We said that duty always follows doctrine. First what God has done then what our response should be. So we begin in Chapter 4 and the Lord says look, walk a walk that is worthy of the calling in which you've been called. The word walk that word for life style but the word calling is the word that means to balance or to equalize. So that Paul begins in Chapter 4 by saying you and I as believers should be living our life in attitude and in action in such a way that it equalizes or balances the scales between your identity and your behavior. I act like a child of God, I act like one blessed of God, I respond as one who has been loved by God without condition. Walk a walk worthy of the calling with which you've been called and he says in Verse 1, that God has called us that we had a divine invitation and Paul had spent a great deal of time on that in the earlier chapters saying that while we were dead in sin and lost and no way able to figure out where to go, God came to find us. He gave us a divine invitation to come follow Me. So walk worthy of that calling. Chosen by God, wow, that's pretty good your chest can be out you can stand up straight, I've been called by God I've been invited to follow Him.

Then Paul begins in really the first sixteen verses but we'll finish up through Verse 16 next week. To talk about the benefits of the blessings of a worthy walk and how it affects the unity and the body that is such a witness to the world. You know when the world looks at the church if they see what God intends it to be, they'll be great love and great unity. Remember we said in Chapter 1, 2 and 3 it's what you should see in you from God's point of view. But in Chapter 4, 5 and 6 what does the world see about Christ in you as the church?

So last week we looked at these five words that describe some of the aspects of a worthy walk all lowliness. It's one of those compound words that mean to judge yourself lowly. Or it is that illusive grace of humility where it is an aspect that leads to body unity because we all got in by grace and if we correctly judge ourselves it will produce and promote oneness in the body. We all know we're here because of Jesus, no one got in here cause they are smart. I looked around earlier, no one got in here because they are smart. None of us made it in here cause we're wiser than the rest we're all in here by grace. If that's the case, then to lack that understanding means you're going to be proud and you're going to

forget where you came from and how you got in but if you're lowly in your outlook you understand how you're in, you understand Chapters 1, 2 and 3 that divine calling or there is going to be unity that is produced amongst us which is going to be such a witness to the world.

Secondly he said we were to be gentle. It's the Greek word **praios** it means meek, power under control like a horse that has a rider and a bit in his mouth and the reins. The horse is still very strong, he could beat up the owner if he had some sense about him, couldn't he? He could turn on him and hurt you but a yielded animal a meek animal is one who surrenders himself to the owner, to the rider. So with all of your energy and capacity because you've been humbled by your divine calling, you now find yourself meekly or gently surrendering your life to the Lord. It's not my way Lord but Your way. If we all do that boy, the church is going to look pretty good. We're going to be chasing the Lord and His will, not my own way not pushing my own agenda but seeking God. He adds to that word, longsuffering. It is a word that means long patience or long tempered patience if you will. Always the consequence of being meek but this is an interesting twist because this says, I trust God and I surrender to God even when He calls me to walk under adverse circumstance. When I'm being persecuted, when I'm being criticized, when I'm being slandered, when I'm unfairly treated, when I want to retaliate but I really shouldn't because I've surrendered my life to God. To retaliate now is to take it back. To do my own thing but I've already been meek, I've surrendered so I can't do that now and so I find myself even under difficult circumstances surrendering my life to God, longsuffering. If we again treat each other that way what unity we can find. He then talks about love that forbears or holding up one another in that love that God has shown us and placed in our hearts. That agape that God's Spirit has brought. But forbearing is an action word it means you go out of your way to pursue that kind of love. Not just, I guess I should I'm a believer, I'm obligated but I want to I make the effort. Finally endeavoring, a word that the Greek word actually is **spoudazo** but it means to with zeal chase after something or with great kind of eagerness pursuing unity in the body and the peace that God has given us so that the world might see us. By this all men will know that you are My Disciples. So he gave a walk worthy of your

walk because of what you've been given, how you got in and he talks about this grace that God has given to all of us to make us one.

Tonight in just a couple of minutes that we have before communion we want to look at Verses 4, 5 and 6 where Paul gives us the grounds for our unity by giving us seven "ones", seven statements starting with the word one which you could categorize as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit in Verse 4 the Son in Verse 5 the Father in Verse 6 but these are seven ones that reinforce this idea of a witness to the world and the blessing to the church of being one and its ones that we want to look at.

Verse 4

Notice in Verse 4 there is, Paul said just one body. Now when the world looks at the church what do they see? They see denominations in fact on "Every Man an Answer" today on the radio show we had 15 questions nine of them had to do with denominations. Denominational questions, well what about these guys and what do these guys believe, what do you think about this and what do you think about that? The world just sees that. They see the separation, they see division, they see the clicks and the cults and the sects if you go out of the country you see state churches and endless factions, liberals and conservatives. You see the battle between opposing views of life and eternity issues and politics. It goes on and on that's what the world perceives from the church. What they see from the church and yet according to God there is only one body. It's His view isn't it? What should the world see from the church? That there is one body. What kind of picture are we painting? Oh there are all kinds of stuff going on but from God's point of view there is one body made up of men and women and boys and girls and people of all color who have only one pre-requisite they've placed their faith in Jesus Christ and received Him into their life for their salvation. That reduces things pretty clearly, doesn't it? We've been washed by His blood, we've been born again and it contributes to our unity if we see ourselves in that one body because of what God has done. It doesn't matter if you're young or old or if you like the hymns or if you like the more modern songs, if you're smart or not so smart. There is only one body comprised of those who have been filled by the

Spirit having received Jesus as Lord, one body. Paul went so far as to say to the Romans you are not in the flesh but you're in the Spirit if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. If He doesn't then you do not belong to God, that's what he said. Only one body, isn't that great? A lot of churches meeting tonight, one body. A lot of places turning on the lights, one body. Did you know that just in the United States, well actually around the world, but they are represented all in the U.S. There are over 125 protestant denominations. Protestant denominations, leaving all the other ones out. 25 just among the Baptists. 25. One body. Now all right I understand that sometimes groups simply break up because there is a necessity to maintain some doctrinal integrity. We can't do those things, we don't see them as Biblical, we're going to go over here and do something else. But many of the groups that begin simply begin because there are selfish purposes that are driving other folks, there are personal desires, there are sinful divisions, there isn't a move of God as far as there is a move of man to just divide. Paul said to the Galatians, hey in the church, in the body there isn't any Jew or Greek or slave or free or male or female, you are all one in Christ. But immediately the world sees, well we're the first church of the second group of the third evening meeting on the fourth night of the fifth week with Bishop so and so. What? Well we're the second group meeting on the fifth night of the third group of the second denomination twice removed, baptized, saved, redeemed and fellowship. You just, what does the world see? What does God want them to see? There is one body. There were a lot of different church meetings in the days of Paul in the first century. There were a lot of home fellowships, in fact that's all that there were. There were home churches and many of them in the same city in Corinth, many in Rome many. But there was just one body. We need to have somehow from God's point of view a corporate view. When unfortunately what happens is because the world is so selfish that consciousness dominates the view of the church. Most people even in church find themselves concerned only for what they can get out of it. They will shop for a church with these questions. Well what do they do for me? What do I like and what do I don't like? How many meetings are there? How do they fit into my schedule? How does that guy sing? How does that guy live? How does that guy preach? What do you think about them? Have you been to the meeting? Have you seen the sign? Do you like the

activities? Did did did, no we're going to check out another place. Rather than saying Lord, put me where You want me. The prerequisites are pretty short listed. I've got to have a place that teaches the Bible and loves You. Now where do You want me to go? We'd rather find ourselves looking around to see if we can be served rather than going to serve. **Barnett** did a report and he does a lot of statistics about the church but there was a report a few years ago that 90% of all believers in the U.S. changed churches every three years. 90% of Christians in America changed churches every three years. Now what do you suppose the number one reason was for it? You're not going to guess it I don't think. The first answer on the list of people interviewed was boredom. I'm bored there. They don't have much really for my age group. They don't really do much for me. They haven't really met my needs, whatever they are. I'm not sure they even know. But whatever they are you haven't met them. The second main reason was offense. Someone displeased them. They didn't say boo, they didn't say hello, they didn't thank them, they weren't kind enough they didn't like the rules, they were bothered by the procedures and so I'm moving on to a place where I can find someone else to offend me. Both reasons both leaving reasons, keeping up with me aren't you, are from that typical self serving kind of outlook of the church. We should see the body rather as a place where God seeks to work by His Spirit through our lives. As a place to minister one to another where we're brought together to serve each other and then to reach out to the world for His namesake into the fields that are white for harvest. We gather for fellowship, we talk to each other for support, we go out together and serve and it seems to me that any problem should be resolved. What won't solve interpersonal problems is changing churches. I know we see it a lot and especially in southern California where you could go to a different church every week for the rest of your life and have a good place to go even. But so often rather than resolving conflict we avoid it. Hey you talked to him I hate that guy, I'm going. I'm gone. I tell you what, here's the reasons I think you should change churches. You can't live with the doctrine, you just don't believe it, you can't, that's the battle you're going to choose to fight. I can't accept whatever it is that's being taught as being Biblical. It just urks me and I can't live with it I've got to go somewhere else. Irreconcilable differences with many folks and then you should maybe wonder if it's not you.

Thirdly, God tells you to go. I had a brother that was real involved here for many years came in last week. He said you know I went to this church for this deal and the Lord showed me I should be there to help, they had a real need and there are things I can do and I just believe God wants me to go. I said oh that will be great. Perfect, go do it man. Good, oh I love to hear I'm so glad I got to come. We'll be praying, I'll come by and visit, go. Bless the Lord. Go. But this self serving of that whole idea and John may be able to tell you as well, there are so many less people in the mission field now than twenty years ago. Because there is this self serving kind of approach that has been brought to the church. Look, we're one body. You're supposed to have allegiance to a local flock, that's Biblical. But we're just a part of the bigger church. The small flock is really encompasses everything that the big church does. You have relationships and service and gifts and responsibilities and common vision and a hunger for the Lord and a waiting for Jesus. That happens in the church at large. But one of the things that will greatly produce unity is if we see ourselves as the Lord does and that the world can see, there is one body. How awesome that you and I are in one body with the brothers and sisters in England that you've never met one body. **A little Muslim girl from the university**, one body. If you go to Asia or you go to Africa or if you travel to Europe you may feel out of place with the culture or the language, the food, the time but you'll feel at home in the body. Welcome home, it's good to be in church. There is one body.

Second of all there is only one Spirit. Don't you like that? It is the Holy Spirit who forms the body of Christ. You get saved the Holy Spirit moves into your life makes you a part of the body of Christ. Paul said I think Corinthians 12 we were all baptized or we were all by one Spirit baptized into one body. Whether we're Jews or Greeks, slaves or free all been made to drink of the one Spirit. One of the things that you learn in the early church is that there was a tremendous awareness of the Holy Spirit. You will read constantly and then the Spirit spoke to our heart or God the Holy Spirit began to move and the Holy Spirit opened the door and the Spirit spoke to me and led me and you constantly are reading of this awareness of the one body of the leading of the one Spirit that has come to live in their hearts. Jesus the head, the Holy Spirit I always see as the nervous system. It

takes directions from the head to the various parts of the body. You read there in Antioch as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting. It was the Holy Spirit that said separate unto me Paul and Barnabas for the work that I have called them to. Later on Paul in speaking to the assembly and then the assembly about the whole issue of the Gentile's salvation and then the writing of the letter we finally read the words it seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit. It was always the very aware kind of an attitude of the work of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit that runs our life, fills our hearts, orchestrates the body, creates the things it is, empowers His people. We're all dependent upon Him. That ought to make us feel pretty one, in heart. None of us will do it alone we can't get it off by ourselves we won't lead anyone to Christ without His work in us, its one Spirit. So we come together oh isn't the Lord good? Isn't the Holy Spirit awesome? You don't really start to brag, you know what I did, I led a guy to Christ. No you didn't pal you were used by the Lord. One Spirit, you go ahead and brag and then we'll tell you who it was. It was the Lord, by His Spirit. What a beautiful picture and from the beginning of His work to convict the world of righteousness and of sin and of judgment to the infilling of the Holy Spirit and to the baptism in the Holy Spirit for power. One Spirit, filled by the Spirit, taught God's word by the Spirit, led in our walks by the Spirit. John said, I think First John 4, not every spirit in the world confesses that Jesus is Lord so you should test them but I tell you this, every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and the Spirit of God will lead everyone to confess that Jesus has come in the flesh. One Spirit. I think if we knew that and we recognized that there would be less discord for the Holy Spirit who is leading me is also leading you. I don't know how often we hear people say well I was trying to tell him what to do and they won't listen. Well hey, tell the Lord on them. You really want to get even with someone, pray for them. God just show them, it works. One Spirit, same Lord. The guy who comes in and says well I told her we're supposed to get married and what did she say? She said the Lord hadn't told her. Well you're out of luck pal you better wait on the Lord you know. What a great witness to the world we would be if we wouldn't have to be striving but we would be realizing we're one body filled with one Spirit. Better view, isn't it? The church is not a man made organization it is a living organism that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts.

Thirdly there is one calling or just as you were called in one hope of your calling. There is one hope of your calling or in other words we all have the same hope in what God has called us to. Now we all are being led in many ways in ministry but the hope of our calling is to wait for the Lord to come and one day go to Heaven, isn't that what we're all here for? We're all going to Heaven, you all might not be called to be music ministers or missionaries in the field or children's ministry workers but you are all called to go to Heaven. You're all called to have a hope that you die tonight, absent from the body present with the Lord. That is the one hope that keeps us together. We can argue about a lot of things but we're going to Heaven. One body, one Spirit and one direction we are going in one direction and I don't know if the idea of being gathered together with the saints around you for eternity sounds so good to you but it is only going to get better. We're called by God to know our destiny. Jesus said to the disciples there in John 14, I'm going away, I'm coming back I'm going to prepare a place for you where I am you might be also. That is the hope of the church. We've got the Holy Spirit we read there in Chapter 3 as a down payment as an arrabon, an engagement ring for a future wedding. It's our shared hope, isn't it? It is a shared calling that we enjoy we're going to go to Heaven and we all expect the Lord to come back in our life time. I think you have some real Biblical legs to stand on if that's your hope. But I think that should be the hope of every generation Lord come back in this generation. We keep looking up waiting for that trumpet to sound. Those words from the angels, hey dudes, I don't know, it could be anything but that's I'm pretty sure that's, come on us here.

Verse 5

There is only one Lord. See all of the reasons we should see ourselves as one? There is one body, one Spirit we have one hope of our calling and one Lord. When did you get saved? When Jesus became your Lord. There is salvation under no other, there is no other name given among men whereby you could be saved. One Lord. There isn't 10 lords, 15 lords, 25 lords there is one. Paul said in Verse 6 of Chapter 8 of First Corinthians there is one God, the Father of whom are all things and we for Him and one Lord Jesus Christ through whom are all things and through whom we live. Now aren't glib words that you utter because Jesus

said, there are a lot of folks going to say Lord Lord one day and are going to be very surprised. But these are the words of the saints if we will confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus. Believe in our heart God raised Him from the dead we're part of the body, aren't we? We belong now to the Lord and become part of the church. Everyone in the world has a lord, everyone. It doesn't even have to be someone it can be something. But something to which they bow their knee, some ambition, some desire, some investment, some pursuit, some effort and it could be a philosophy, it could be a man, it could an idea, it could be a woman. Something though that drives you and that becomes that master passion in life but for the church, for the believers, we have one Lord, Jesus Christ. All of us are here to worship Him. He's the one that unifies us if all of us would just submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus there would be a lot less infighting and backbiting and division in the church because we would be preoccupied with the Lord not with ourselves. The problem comes in for the church when we try to serve two masters and we hate the one and we cling to the other, we despise the one and even as Jesus says that divide your heart. It divides the church, we find ourselves **in trying to and disunity** kind of follows which is why the Psalmist prayed there in 86 Lord unite my heart so that I might fear your name. That's God's heart, that's what God wants and that's what He'd like the world to see in us that we have one Lord that we serve. So often people go to bat for their churches, for their denominations, hey I'm going to bat for Jesus. People call all the time, what do you think about that book and what do you think about that study and what do you think about and I always say the same thing, if you've got to get a book because you're not studying the Bible you're missing something. Go to church to study the Bible. For churches to feed the need for one Lord man one that was serving Him. A lot of good books out there, none better than this one though. These are the words of life and if we all made Jesus our Lord how selfless would we become and how beautiful the body would be a witness to the Lord. Then it says there is only one faith. I know people think you're narrow minded but just read them this. There is one faith. There are 2500 plus registered faiths around the world. 2500 groups of people or groups of mandates, groups of belief systems that are being followed by men for the hope of the future. Why so many? Well, the devil is at work deceiving. Sin blinds according to the Scriptures.

The foolishness of our flesh will follow anything. Man is often driven in the wrong direction and yet all of this because God made you to be worshippers. The Bible says God put eternity in every man's heart. There is a universal cry for God. It finds itself satisfied or pursuing satisfaction in a thousand different ways but there is only one thing, only one Lord, there is only one Spirit. I know it's narrow but narrow is exactly the way God intends it to be. I think a lot of people are led astray because they lack the diligence of examining what it is that they really believe. So often when people come up with their denomination arguments I say well I'm a so and so and you're a believer now how are we different and I always just say the same thing. What do you believe? Then a lot of times they'll go well I don't know. Well my church believes certain stuff but I don't always agree so I just got my own stuff. So you're going to start your own church? No no we're going to kind of hang out there but we don't agree with everything. Well that's a little weird, shouldn't you leave there and start your own thing and believe everything? Then those arguments go nowhere, but the bottom line is you don't know what you believe. I know whose brainwashing me and I'm perfectly happy letting Him do it. I need my brain washed, how about you? Other people seem to just follow traditions. How come you believe that? Well that's what we've always believed. Many people just believe what seems the easiest, makes them feel the best. Well here, here's what you should know there is only one faith. In fact Jude said in Chapter 1, well there's only one chapter, in Verse 3 that this is the faith once and for all, delivered to the saints, the Gospel of Jesus and the need to be born again and the ability that He has to save us. He wants to earnestly encourage us to contend for that faith. Jesus is the object of the faith that leads to life and I'll tell you what, anyone sincerely believing anything else will be found in judgment. There is only one faith. So that unity of the body, one baptism. The word baptism here is the same word that is used almost everywhere else, it means to be immersed into or better yet maybe placed into and it is here a reference of the work of Jesus through whom by the one faith in Him you are placed into one body. It means to be placed into when you get saved you are baptized into the body you are placed into the body of Christ. Now water baptism later then just outwardly recognizes and testifies to that fact. That's that identification with the Lord in His suffering and in His resurrection but we are all

placed into the faith if you will or into the Lord by one baptism the minute you accept the Lord, you are in. You don't have to be baptized, you don't have to go through a bunch of classes, and you don't have to attend a bunch of church services you can just be in. You can be in your bedroom by yourself, Lord I repent of my sins I want to accept Jesus in my life and you're in. One baptism, one placement you know there are those who want to put like a whole bunch of steps to your getting saved in the way. There is only one way in. You come to Jesus the one Lord with one faith you're filled with the same Spirit and you are placed into the body of Christ. Period, finished, finito.

Verse 6

There is one God and Father of all who is above all, through all and as they say in Texas, in you all. Now think about it for a minute, one of the great blessings that we have as Christians is that we have a Father in Heaven and whether you realize it or not the idea of God being your Father is generally a New Testament truth. There are some indications of that in the Old Testament but there are very few. It was a very much foreign concept. There is that question in Malachi 2 have we not all one Father and one God who created us? But aside from the occasional reference you will find that the Fatherhood of God over the believers is a uniquely New Testament truth that Jesus brought to the forefront when He came to minister to us. In fact the very first words out of Jesus' mouth that are recorded are the words, why do you seek Me don't you know that I have to be about my Father's business? Those are the first words that are quoted in the Scriptures as having come from a young Jesus. When asked to be taught to pray Jesus sat the Disciples down and said follow this outline, follow this example, our Father who art in Heaven. It must have just been music to the ears of the Disciples because the Jewish background they had would not have presented them with that understanding. The intimacy, the approachability, the love relationship that comes to mind when you hear the word Father especially if you had a good earthly father, if you had a bad one you know what a good one is. God is a better one. In the prodigal son, Jesus uses the word Father 12 different times in case you miss it you know. Father, Father, Father it's there over and over again. Jesus dies with Father, the name of the Father on His lips. He rises assuring those who

are now there that His Father was their Father. I'm going to my Father and your Father. Those were the words at the resurrection. There is one God, there is one Father to the believer He is the true God. In fact, one of the last recorded words that Jesus spoke to them about there before His ascension there in Acts Chapter 1. He said wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard of Me and which will be here not many days from now. But He spoke about the Father constantly, because the church has this great blessing. We have a relationship with God; He is our Father because of Jesus. He is above all. You know my dad's bigger than your dad arguments in grade school? You can win this argument now. My Father is above all. No one can **dock** my Father. No one can defeat my Father, no power in Hell can overthrow Him, He is over all, and He's our Father. One Father, that's who we turn to, isn't it? That's who all of us can run to. I used to try to talk my dad into believing I was right and my sister was wrong for everything. Dad she said it again while you weren't looking. She didn't really say it she just mouthed it with her words I could see her do it. I was constantly trying to get dad on my side because if you had dad on your side you win. There would be punishment and allowances would be taken away, there would be restriction, the car would no longer be available, I would be so happy I told you, now you're going to get in trouble, ah ah ah. Dad's on my side. Now we're the church and we have one Father. You have a problem with someone go tell your Father. You got a need, go tell your Father. Jesus has opened up the door you have a Father in Heaven and it ought to make us one man, we can all have His time. He'll listen to us all. He is over above all and He is through all. It's a great word and I know you can just read by it so quickly but the word through all is a small Greek word **dia** and it literally means an intersection or a passing through it. What it implies is God is so great and so big that He can get from the beginning to the end and nothing can stop Him, He can pass through everything. That is literally what it means. He is powerful enough that no one and nothing can hinder Him, He is our Father, and He is through all. You know if you look at the Gospel account of Jesus' crucifixion and I know that the passion of the Christ the big argument was, who killed Jesus? That was like the big deal all of a sudden. The Gospels say it was the Roman rule and the Hebrew religion that killed Jesus, so literally every one of us had a part. They all endorsed the crucifixion and it looked like for a minute if you

read through the Gospels like Hell had won. When Jesus told that parable in Mark 12 about the vine dressers and then the owner saying, well I'll send my son and they'll respect him. The response of those that were watching the vineyard was, well he's the heir now if we kill him, then it can all belong to us. That was the mentality and you look at the Disciples and you look at everyone associated with believing Jesus up to the time of the Cross and there was a tremendous let down. Like life had just fallen apart. It looked like Hell had won but Hell hadn't won, God was just passing through, wasn't He? He was pushing right through death, He was pushing right through the grave, and He was coming right out the other side. Calvary wasn't the end of the journey. God was just placing an intersecting line through the ages and from that day forward you had the saved and you had the lost. You had the believer and the rejecter and the finished work of Jesus proceeded out of the tomb and out into glory and the Father was through all. He defeated death and He's our Father. He's above all, nothing can stop Him, He is through all and He is in you all. He's Omni present He lives in your heart which makes us one. Seven ones it becomes the grounds by which the church should see itself and then the world should understand what the church really is in God's eyes. If you have Jesus in your life, if you've accepted Him into your heart, if He is the Lord I mean the Lord, you check with the Lord. Lord what do you want me to do? Lord what would you have me to say? Lord where would you have me to go? Lord how should I live my life? The Lord. Then you have the great assurance that the Spirit of God who lives in you will bear witness that you're His child and He's your Father. The Spirit works, the Lord saves and the Father waits, we are one.

Verse 7

Finally he then speaks to us about the gifts that He has given to the church for the sake of making the church a functioning group of people who bear much fruit in a world that lives in darkness. We are called to walk a worthy walk, we are called to see the grounds upon which He sees us as one and then we are called to participate by His strength in accomplishing God's will in the world which is to see the lost get saved. To be a witness so we'll do that next week.