

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges: Walking with Christ A Study of Ephesians 4-6

Message for Sunday, February 14:

An Introduction to Walking with Christ

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” *Ephesians 4: 1-6*

Today’s Main Thought: Paul encourages the saints at Ephesus to persevere and to walk a life worthy of the blessing and benefits they have as followers of Jesus Christ.

Two Major Divisions of the Book of Ephesians

Ephesians 1-3: Belonging to Christ

Ephesians 4-6: Walking with Christ

Ephesians 1-3

Filled with theology and the following jewels for the journey:

- We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
- We have been chosen and adopted as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ.
- We are sealed with the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of our inheritance.

Ephesians 4-6

Filled with these practical steps essential for walking with Christ:

- Chapter 4: Paul encourages followers of Jesus Christ to walk in unity (Ephesians 4:1, 17).
- Chapter 5: Paul provides further details about what a follower of Jesus Christ’s walk should look like (Ephesians 5:2, 8, 15).
- Chapter 6: Paul illustrates for followers of Christ how to walk in victory over Satan (Ephesians 6:11-17).

Getting Started

Read Ephesians chapters 4-6. What is your favorite team sport? Why? Why is team unity so important?

Digging Deeper

- 1) What did Paul mean by “walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called” (*Ephesians 4:1; see also Luke 1:6 and Romans 6:4*)?
- 2) Are you living up to the calling you have received? In your work? Your home? Your relationships? Why or why not?

Living It Out

This Wednesday, February 17, please fast two meals or sacrifice leisure media activity to pray for the following:

- Unity within the universal church body
- Unity within JBC

Next Week: Ephesians 4:1: The Worthy Life
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