

Ephesians 4:1-6

PRAY; Read Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

a. Ephesians 4:1-6 is one paragraph division. List below the subjects(s) covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **At a Glance Chart**.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

God, Jesus, and Spirit

New to this lesson: *all* and *one* (do not mark the word *one* in verse 2)

Term of conclusion: *therefore*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Ephesians 4:1-6. Remember, as you mark the words *God, Jesus, and Spirit*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

3. As *the prisoner of the Lord*, what does Paul *beseech* us to do?

a. Look up the following verses and describe what they say about our *calling*.

Philippians 3:14

2 Timothy 1:9

Hebrews 3:1

1.) What is your reaction to these descriptions?

4. *Beseech*, as translated in Ephesians 4:1, is the same word that is used to describe the role of the Holy Spirit. He “invites” us or “comes alongside” us. Contrast the difference between commanding and *beseeching*.

5. Paul *beseeches* us to *walk worthy of the calling with which we were called*. Describe this walk using these verses:

Ephesians 4:17

Philippians 1:27

Colossians 1:10

a. *Walking* in this manner is not easy, nor is it possible in our own strength. Explain how a person can live a life that would be described as consistently (not perfectly) *walking in a manner worthy*.

Challenge: Use Scripture to support your explanation.

6. Paul wrote in Philippians 3:17 (NIV), *Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you*. What have you learned from Paul's example?

a. Share something you have learned from the example of another Christian.

7. Ephesians 4:2 reveals four characteristics of a *walk worthy of our calling*. What are they?

a. Which of these do you find is the most difficult for you? Why?

b. How does *walking* in these four attributes promote *unity*?

1.) In contrast, how does not *walking* in these attributes discourage *unity*?

8. What does verse 3 tell us we are to do?

a. What word(s) let us know that *keeping unity* requires effort?

Challenge: Define the word *endeavoring*.

9. In our text, Paul emphasizes *unity*. Make a list of the words or phrases that follow the word *one* in verses 4-6.

There is one:

10. The first element is there is *one body*. Using Romans 12:4,5 and what you have learned in previous lessons of Ephesians, what is the *body* Paul refers to?

a. In what ways is the church like a *body*?

11. The second element is there is *one Spirit*. What does Ephesians 2:18 say about this?

12. The third element is *we were called in one hope of our calling*. According to 1 Peter 1:3-4, what is the hope of all believers?

13. The fourth element is there is *one Lord*. Read Acts 10:36. Who is *Lord* and what is He *Lord* over?

14. The fifth element is there is *one faith*. There are neither two faiths nor several faiths. There is only *one faith* that leads into God's presence and that is the faith founded by the Lord Jesus Christ. How do John 14:6 and Jude 1:3 verify this?

- a. Describe the *one faith* that all Christians have using Romans 10:8-9.
 - b. What would you say to someone who says this is narrow minded and limited thinking?
15. The sixth element is there is *one baptism*. What does Galatians 3:26-28 add to your understanding?
- a. According to Acts 2:38, what is the requirement of baptism?
16. Lastly, the seventh element mentioned in Ephesians 4:4-6, is there is *one God and Father of all*. What phrase in verse 6 speaks of God's sovereignty?
- a. What did the scribe declare in Mark 12:32?
17. Scan back through the seven elements of *unity*. Why should adherence to common beliefs in these things promote *unity*?
18. What value have you found the first three chapters of Ephesians to be in responding to Paul's exhortation to *walk worthy of the calling which with you were called*?
19. Describe what you think a *worthy walk* looks like.
20. In what ways were you challenged by these verses to be a part of the answer to *unity* rather than the problem?

“Therefore, let us pursue the things which make for peace
and the things by which one may edify another.”

- Romans 14:19