## --Ephesians 4:1-6

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## Aim Of This Lesson— For us to see if we are going to be affective in our "Godly Mission", we must "walk in a manner worthy of our call".

Scripture text: --Ephesians 4:1-6 (nkjv) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

# Terms defined: **Mission—Sending or being sent on** some special work. Worthy—Deserving; Having worth. **Essential**—Necessary; Very important.

- The Family (church) have been given a very important mission: Ephesians 3:10 (nkjv)
  - <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,

- Paul prays for our daily walk with God.
  Ephesians 3:14-21
  - ▷(V. 16) "...that we might be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.".
  - >(vs.17) "...that Christ might dwell in our hearts that we might be rooted and grounded in love."
  - >(vs. 18) That we might "comprehend the magnitude of God's love."
    - >(vs. 19) That we might "know the love of Christ which passes all knowledge.".

- But Paul doesn't just pray for us. He also gives us some essential instructions that he wants us to accept and practice so that we can be affective in our Godly mission. Let us examine:
  - 1. Paul's essential instructions.
  - 2. How do we "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"?
  - 3. How do we deal with those who want to be divided and justify their different beliefs.

#### 1. Paul's Essential Instructions.

• Our mission is so important that compliance with what Paul is about to say is <u>not</u> optional.

#### Ephesians 4:1 nkjv

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

- "Worthy" Gk. "axios" to be balanced, to have the same weight as another thing, to have the same weight on each side.
  - If your walk doesn't match your calling you are not going to be effective in fulfilling your <u>God given mission</u>.

Ephesians 4:3 nkjv

<sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

2. How do we "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"?

Ephesians 4:2-3 nkjv

<sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

# **3. How do we deal with those who want to be divided and justify their different beliefs.**

Ephesians 4:4-6 nkjv

<sup>4</sup>*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

• It is only because people refuse to acknowledge and accept these truths that we have all the different religious groups/denominations we see today.

- God has given us, His church, an important mission.
- If we are going to be affective in that mission, we must "walk in a manner worthy of our calling.

<b>The Plan of Salvation</b>	
Hear	<b>Romans 10:13-17</b>
Believe	John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6
Repent	Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32
Baptism	Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



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