

Series: The Wealth and Walk of a Christian  
"The Lowly Walk" # 12  
Eph. 4:1-6  
10-8-17 Sun AM

1. Paul uses the word "walk" in the last 3 chapters, it refers to daily conduct.
2. Look at that word "therefore" in verse 1. Therefore means Paul is basing the last 3 chapters on the doctrine he taught in the first 3 chapters.

Remember a pattern of Paul he used in his epistles- Doctrine-Duty, Wealth-Walk, Riches-Responsibility, and Position-Practice.

**TT:** I want to call the first walk- Biblical unity. If there is to be unity in the body of Christ, we must have a lowly walk.

### **I. The Attitude of Unity [4:1-3].**

1. The Admonition [v. 1].

The word "beseech" means desire, to exhort, to entreat, to call. It is meant to have a desired effect.

What does Paul mean by "Beseech you that you walk worthy of your calling?"

In other-words, live out the great truths about your salvation in such a way that your practice matches your position. The believers calling sets the standard for his conduct.

The word 'worthy' means "equal weight." Our position and practice should be in balance, or our calling and conduct in balance.

The word "call" in the epistles, always refers to God's call to salvation or those things that are related to salvation

1. The Admonition [v. 1].
2. The Attitude [vs. 2-3]. How are we to walk worthy?

1. *Lowliness or humility?* Opposite is pride.

Someone said, "If you know you have it, then you lost it."

JOY- Jesus first, others second and yourself last.

### **Turn to Phil. 2:7-8**

2. *Meekness or gentleness?* Opposite is self-assertion.

It is a product of lowliness. It means mild-spirited or self- controlled. Power under control.

3. *Longsuffering or long-tempered?*

Ability to endure persecution, insult, or adversity. Resolved Patience.

4. *Forbearing one another in love?* Put up with.

The above 3 all play a part in forbearing with one another.

5. *Endeavor or diligence?*

Being eager to maintain or guard. It will take work and effort to maintain the unity. We don't make unity but keep it.

6. *Peace?*

Peace with God, peace of God, and peace with each other.

**I. The Attitude of Unity [4:1-3].**

**II. The Basis of Unity [4:4-6].**

If we are to have true Biblical unity, we must agree on the foundational doctrines that are essential. It is these truths that unite us in Christ and in His body.

The Trinity is mentioned here- the Spirit [v. 4], the Lord [v. 5], and the Father [v. 6].

1. One body [v. 4]

The body of Christ which the believer is a member, placed there at conversion by the Spirit.

**Turn to 1 Cor. 12:11-14**

2. One Spirit [v. 4]

The same Spirit indwells every believer and places us in the body at conversion.

3. One hope of your calling [v. 4]

The pledge and promise of an eternal inheritance given to all believers. This includes the return of the Lord and going to heaven.

**Go back to Eph. 1:11-13**

4. One Lord [v. 5]

**Acts 4:12**

**Rom. 10:12**

5. One faith [v. 5]

Body of doctrine revealed in the N.T. (Jude v. 3) or "faith in Christ." Objective and subjective faith.

6. One baptism [v. 5]

Is this water baptism or Spirit baptism?

- (1). Holy Spirit is mentioned in v. 4.
- (2). The context is the body and the Trinity. So Paul is addressing the baptism of the Spirit into that body.
- (3). Lost people are baptized.
- (4). Could refer to both.

7. One God and Father [v. 6]

There is one Father of the children of God “all” and ‘in you all.”

**Con:** Biblical unity takes the right attitudes, but it is founded on the right basis. We must agree on the essentials.