

**Unity or Uniformity?**

Unity is when we are one, in harmony; yet remain unique individuals

In Christian unity we have one Spirit, purpose, mission, and goal

Uniformity is when we look the same, do the same thing; a pseudo-unity

Uniformity can be done without grace or Jesus, and is mainly external

Biblical unity requires grace, and is a relational issue from the inside out

**A Call to Biblical Unity – *Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Calling***

Why do walk in a manner worthy of the calling? (Ephesians 1-3)

1. Blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14)

Chosen (1:4) Adopted (1:5) Redeemed (1:7a) Forgiven (1:7b)

Inheritance (1:11) Sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13)

*“... to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”*

2. Gifted with salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ (2:1-9)

3. Being made into one new people of God in Christ (2:11-3:6)

Jew and Gentile (every tongue, tribe, and nation) being made one in Christ

4. God’s vehicle for proclamation is His church (3:10)

How do we walk in a manner worthy of the calling?

In Humility – viewing myself properly, not self-centered

In Gentleness – quiet strength, not violent or harsh

In Patience – one who makes allowances for others, endures short-comings

In loving Forbearance – putting up with one another

What is the purpose of walking in a manner worthy of the calling?

*Eager* – sense of haste, urgency, crisis; done now!

*Maintain* – valued, cared for, outwardly demonstrated

*The unity of the Spirit* – oneness that comes from being united to Christ

*In the bond of peace* – the “glue” that holds us together as one

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