

### **8 – PAUL’S CALL TO BELIEVERS (EPHESIANS 4:1-6)**

#### I. The Call (Ephesians 4:1-3)

##### A. The Transition (Ephesians 4:1)

- After explaining the reality of salvation, Paul now transitions his letter to instruction.
- He identifies himself as a prisoner for serving the Lord.
- Because of his situation, Paul begs his readers to hear and act on his call for them.

##### B. The Nature of the Call (Ephesians 4:1-3)

###### 1. Walk Worthy (Ephesians 4:1)

- He urges them to walk or live in a manner that is worthy of their calling.
- The phrase “the calling with which you were called” refers to their salvation.
- So, he is calling them to live in such a way that reflects the reality of their salvation.

###### 2. The Manner of Walking (Ephesians 4:2)

- Paul goes on to describe the manner in which they should live.
- He tells them to live with the inward attitudes of humility and gentleness.

###### 3. Action Toward Others (4:2)

- He also tells them to act with the attitudes of patience and forbearance toward others.
- Love needs to be the basis of our actions toward others.

###### 4. Pursuing Unity (4:3)

- The word “endeavoring” can also be translated “making every effort.”
- Paul is calling believers to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.
- “Unity of the Spirit” refers to the unity in the church that comes through the Spirit.
- That unity through the Spirit is strengthened by the bond of peace within the church.

#### III. The Basis For Unity (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- Paul lists the basis for our unity as believers in the church.

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- He points out that there is one body, the church, and one Holy Spirit.
- Believers share the same calling in the one hope of salvation.
- There is one Lord, which is Jesus Christ, and one faith in Christ for salvation.
- There is one baptism, which refers to the outward expression of that faith.
- Finally, there is one God, who the Father of all creation.