

# **EPHESIANS**

## **THE PLACE OF THE CHURCH IN THE PLAN OF GOD**

**CHAPTER 1 – THE CHURCH, THE FULNESS OF CHRIST**

**2:1-10 = THE CHURCH, THE ALIVE IN CHRIST**

**2:11-22 = THE CHURCH, THE RECONCILED IN CHRIST**

**CHAPTER 3 = THE CHURCH, THE WISDOM OF GOD**

**AND OUR STUDY TODAY IS IN CHAPTER FOUR**

**4:1-16 = THE CHURCH, ITS UNITY**

## **EPHESIANS 1**

**This was the sweetest, most wonderful  
And comforting study possible**

**SWEET  
AS  
HONEY**

## **EPHESIANS 4 - 6**

**This will be demanding, uncomfortable  
And as difficult study as possible**

**VERY  
VERY  
BITTER**

CHRIST

LIVING

IN

ME

Gal 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ;  
and it is no longer I that live, but

*Christ living in me*

WE HAVE LEARNED WHAT  
PAUL MEANT WHEN HE WROTE



**Ezek 3:1-3**

Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and **He caused me to eat that scroll.**

**And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.**

**Rev 10:9**

**VERY BITTER WHEN YOU  
PRACTICE IT**

And he said to me, "**Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.**"

Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

**SWEET AS  
HONEY  
WHEN YOU  
STUDY IT**

## **EPHESIANS chapters 1-3**

**We have eaten the sweet things  
God has done for us**

**NOW, LET'S TURN TO CHAPTER FOUR TO  
SEE WHAT GOD EXPECTS US TO DO.**

**These things may make our belly bitter but this is  
what Peter meant in Acts 2 when he said,  
“Save yourselves from this evil generation.”**

**Paul also said in Phil 2:12  
“Work out your own salvation with fear and  
trembling.”**

# **EPH 4:1-16**

## **THE CHURCH – ITS UNITY**

**1-3 = THE UNIFYING ATTITUDE OR DISPOSITION**

**4-6 = THE UNIFYING ELEMENTS OR FACTS**

**7-11 = THE UNIFYING GIFTS, OFFICES AND WORKS**

**12-16 = THE UNIFYING GROWTH PATTERN**

## EPH 4:1-3

# 1 = WE MUST LIVE UP TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY

I THEREFORE, THE PRISONER IN THE LORD



BESEECH YOU

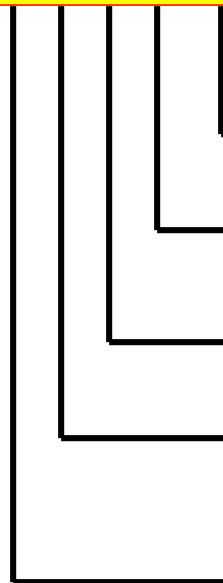


TO WALK WORTHILY

We must live up to a certain standard



OF THE CALLING WHEREWITH YE WERE CALLED



1. It is God (and Christ) who calls us – John 6:44

2. He calls us through the gospel – 2 Thess 2:14; John 6:44

3. It is according to his eternal purpose – Rom. 8:28

4. It is into God's kingdom and glory – 1 Thess. 2:12

5. We respond to his call by us calling on him.  
Acts 2:21; 22:16; Rom. 10:13; 1 Pet. 3:21