Class 9 – Ephesians 4:1f

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Things to note:

- **Unity is important, but it is <u>a specific type of unity</u> Paul calls us to**
- **There is a worthy and an unworthy manner by which we must seek this unity**
- **Unity is contingent upon <u>the calling first</u>**
- **Humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another is in imitation of God's planning and patience.**

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BOND: shackles, ligament, connections, or joint-tie

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But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph 4:7)

WHY THESE TOOLS?

- **Building up of the church**
- **Unity of the faith**
- **Unity of the knowledge of Christ**
- **Maturity**
- **Growth worthy of our Glorious Leader**
- **Joint Participation based upon love (Fellowship)**