

EPHESIANS

THE PLACE OF THE CHURCH IN THE PLAN OF GOD

WE CONTINUE OUR STUDY TODAY IN CHAPTER FOUR
4:1-16 = THE CHURCH, **ITS UNITY**

LAST
WEEK

1-3 = THE UNIFYING ATTITUDES

4-6 = THE UNIFYING ELEMENTS OR FACTS

THIS
WEEK

7-11 = THE UNIFYING GIFTS

12-16 = THE UNIFYING GROWTH PATTERN

FIRST WEEK -----EPH 4:1-3

1 = WE MUST LIVE UP TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY

I THEREFORE, THE PRISONER IN THE LORD

BESEECH YOU

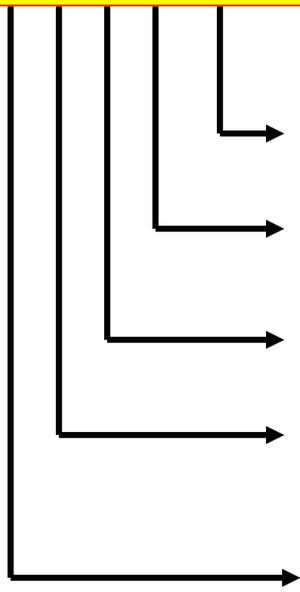
TO WALK WORTHILY

We must live up to a certain standard

OF THE CALLING WHEREWITH YE WERE CALLED

WE MUST LIVE UP TO THE STANDARD EXPECTED OF A PRIVLIGED CHILD.

Not the standard expected of a president's child or of a king's child
BUT MUCH MORE
The standard expected of a child of the great God and creator of heaven and earth.
The most special relationship imaginable.



LAST WEEK - EPH 4:2-3

2 – ATTITUDES NECESSARY FOR UNITY

1. LOWLINESS

2. MEEKNESS

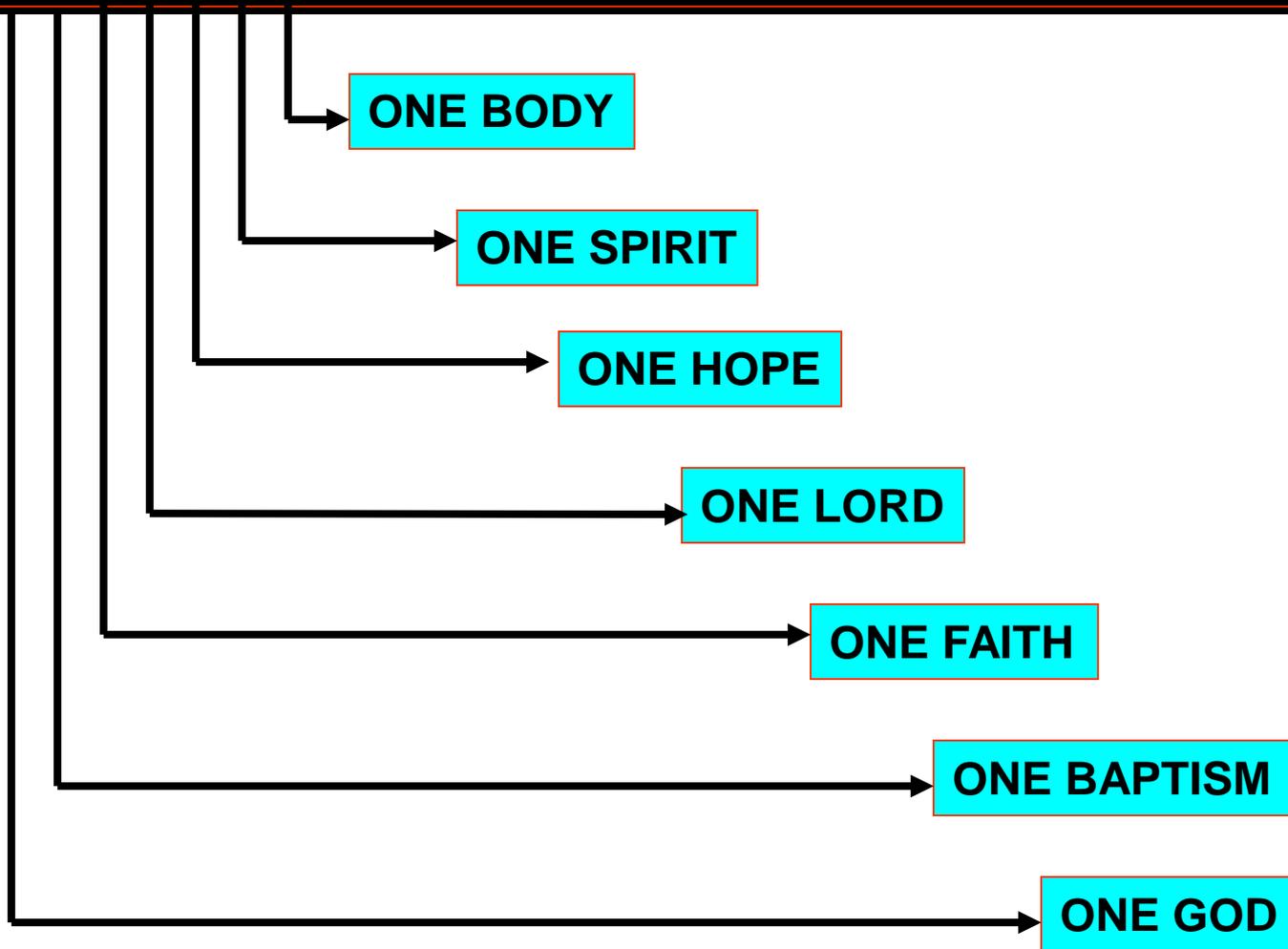
3. LONGSUFFERING

4. FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

**5. GIVING DILIGENCE TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE**

LAST WEEK - EPH 4:4-6

3 – ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR UNITY



TODAY - EPH 4:7-11

4 – GIFTS NECESSARY FOR UNITY

**GOD'S
GIFT
TO THE
CHURCH
WAS
CHRIST
1:22**

**CHRIST'S
GIFTS
TO THE
CHURCH
ARE IN
4:7-11**

EPH 4:7-11

4 – GIFTS NECESSARY FOR UNITY

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EPH 4:12

5 – PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS FOR UNITY

Eph 4:11 And he gave some (to be) **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**

for the perfecting (*equipping*) of the saints

To complete, to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust, to strengthen, perfect, make

unto the work of ministering (serving)

WHO ARE THE MINISTERS?

unto the building up of the body of Christ

till we all attain (*come to, arrive at*) unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man

unto the measure of the stature (*mature, full age, adult*) of the fulness of Christ

Measure means an instrument for measuring, rule, standard, the required measure

EPH 4:13-14

6 – THE REASON FOR SUCH GROWTH

Eph 4:13 unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

That we be no longer children (infant, child)

Tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine

Tossed by the waves, (agitated mentally)

Craftiness, cunning, a specious or false wisdom, a skilled undertaking in deception, cleaverness

By the slight (dice playing) of men

In craftiness

ERROR = a wandering, a straying about, error, wrong opinion, roving, misleading, leading into error, see Jude 13

Wiles of error

EPH 4:15-16

7 – THE CONCLUSION – THE RESULTS

Eph. 4:15 = But speaking the truth in love

We may grow up into all things unto him

Grow = augment, grow, increase, become greater.

Who is the head, even Christ

From whom all the body, fitly framed and knit together

Fitly framed = join close together, frame together

Knit = to cause to coalesce, to join together, put together, knit together in one whole

EPH 4:15-16

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Through that which every joint supplieth

According to the working in due measure of each several part

Maketh the increase of the body
unto the building up of itself
in love