

The Believer is to Walk Worthy of His Calling

Ephesians 04:01–06

1 *The way to walk worthy*

- a. With humility
- b. With gentleness
- c. With patience
- d. With love

2 *The purpose for walking worthy: To keep the unity, the peace*

3 *The seven basic reasons*

- a. Only one body
- b. Only one Spirit
- c. Only one hope
- d. Only one Lord
- e. Only one faith
- f. Only one baptism, v. 5
- g. Only one God and Father of all

- 1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then,
I urge you to live a life
worthy of the calling
you have received.
- 2 Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient,
bearing with one another in love.
- 3 Make every effort
to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit —
just as you were called to one hope
when you were called —
- 5 One Lord,
one faith,
one baptism;
- 6 One God and Father of all,
who is over all
and through all
and in all.

The Believer is to Walk by Using His Gifts

Ephesians 04:07–16

1 *Every believer is gifted*

7 But to each one of us
grace has been given
as Christ apportioned it.

2 *Every believer's gift has cost
the greatest possible price*

8 This is why it says:
“When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men.”

a. The picture

9 (What does “he ascended” mean
except that he also descended
to the lower, earthly regions?)

b. The great cost:
The death of Christ
and His descending
into the lower parts of the earth

10 He who descended is the very one
who ascended higher than all the heavens,
in order to fill the whole universe.)

c. The great value:
That Christ might fill
the whole universe
with His presence

3 *Every believer's gift is
Christ-centred*

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles,
some to be prophets,
some to be evangelists,
and some to be pastors and teachers,

4 *Every believer's gift
has a threefold purpose*

12 To prepare God's people
for works of service,
so that the body of Christ
may be built up

a. An immediate purpose:
To equip others

13 Until we all reach unity in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God
and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure
of the fullness of Christ.

b. An eternal purpose:
To become a mature man
like Christ

c. A personal purpose

14 Then we will no longer be infants,
tossed back and forth by the waves,
and blown here and there
by every wind of teaching
and by the cunning and craftiness of men
in their deceitful scheming.

1) To no longer be children
— immature

<p>2) To grow up in all things — mature</p> <p>3) To do his part in building up the church</p>	<p>15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.</p> <p>16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.</p>
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