

## ***“Humility...then Unity, pt. 2”***

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

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After spending three chapters to explain our identity and sufficiency in Christ by virtue of His atoning death and resurrection on our behalf, Paul commands Christians in the last three chapters to live out the Christian life in light of our resources we have in Christ. Whereas there was only one imperative (or command) in the first three chapters, Paul gives Christians forty imperatives in the last three chapters. The emphasis in chapter four is on the preservation and progress of true spiritual unity for the church and individual Christians. Unity in the Body is one of the marks of true spiritual growth and maturity.

1. True spiritual unity is a deliberate, ongoing pursuit (4:1)

*“I implore you”*

2. True spiritual unity is dependent on selfless attitudes (4:2-3)

*“preserve the unity of the Spirit”*

a. Humility—

b. Gentleness—

c. Patience—

d. Tolerance/bearing with—

e. Love—

3. True spiritual unity is based on our view of the Trinity (4:4-6)  
*“one Spirit...one Lord...one God and Father”*

a. One body—

b. One Spirit—

c. One hope—

d. One Lord—

e. One faith—

f. One baptism—

g. One God and Father—