

Ephesians 4:1-16  
Called to Walk Worthy—To the Praise of His Glory!

***“God fills Himself, and if God is all-sufficient in Himself, He must be all-sufficient for us...let us show the world that we are a happy and blessed people.” Charles Spurgeon***

Introduction:

***Ephesians 4:1-3, “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”***

1. Paul never viewed life in relation to himself:
  
2. Paul never was Rome’s prisoner:
  
3. Paul never asked believers to do anything:
  
4. Paul never suggested anything:
  
5. All believers are to live in a way that is becoming:
  
6. Our calling will be characterized with
  - a. Humility:
  
  - b. Gentleness:
  
  - c. Patience:
  
  - d. Bearing with one another in love:
  
  - e. Maintaining unity:
  
  - f. In the bond of peace:

***Ephesians 4:4-6, “There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”***

1. Very simply, there are no:

***Ephesians 4:7, "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.***

1. We have what we have simply:
  
2. We have what we have not because of our merit:

***Ephesians 4:8-10, "Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)***

1. When Jesus was resurrected from the grave:
  
2. Jesus came from heaven to earth to establish:

***Ephesians 4:11-12, "And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."***

1. The five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers has one purpose and that is to:

***Ephesians 4:13, "...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..."***

1. The work of the five-fold ministry will not be done until the entire Body of Christ comes into:

***Ephesians 4:14, "...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."***

1. Our being equipped is for our protection from:
  - a. False doctrines:
  
  - b. Human cunning:
  
  - c. Craftiness:

***Ephesians 4:15-16, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."***

1. Speaking the truth in love means saying those things that:

2. It should be one of our greatest desires to do our part:

3. We are at our most healthy:

Conclusion: