

Walking Together > Ephesians 4:1-6

4:1 *Called to walk.* Because of the glorious Gospel that Paul has explained in chapters 1-3, Paul now calls the Ephesians – and every Christian – to walk in a way that reflects our calling.

4:2-3 *The way to walk.* Paul lists five traits that reflect our calling in Christ, all helping to build unity. That unity flows out of what our Lord has done, and it is to be displayed with how we Christians treat one another in the church.

4:4-6 *Why we walk together.* The basis for our unity isn't simply trying harder or a desire to be nice to each other. Instead, the basis is our Triune God. Paul reminds the Ephesians of the work of the Spirit, of Christ, and of the Father to show how God's unity means that His followers are called to unity as well.

Context: The first three chapters of Ephesians explain the truth of the Gospel as applied to God's people – we have a new identity in Christ, one that is bigger than any other distinction (Jew or Gentile, etc.). That new identity leads to the second half of the book, which is filled with applications of how to respond to what Christ has done.

Argument: Believers are called to unity with one another based on the unity of the God whom we worship.

Gospel: Christ exhibited the traits that Paul lists writes about here, but even more, He is the One who has made our unity with God possible.

Applications: What are you doing to build unity with fellow Christians? What does your "walk" look like?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
