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“The Calling”

[Eph. 4:1-4]

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, (2) with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, (3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

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Paul again says this as in Ephesians 3:1, which we shared last Sunday morning. "There-fore, the prisoner in the Lord..."

[Therefore] reminds us of this very verse again. "I urge you to walk worthy of the calling to which you have been called..."

These words bring you back to the first three chapters of Ephesians, which speaks of your spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

The blessing is, in short, that you have been called children of God.

God has accepted you (1:6).

God has redeemed you (1:7).

God has forgiven your sins (1:7).

He revealed the economy, the mystery, of his will (1:9).

You have become heirs of God (1:11).

He has sealed you with his Holy Spirit (1:13).

He raised you back with Christ (2:5).

He has saved you by grace (2:5).

He has seated you in heaven with Christ (2:6).

He works in you to accomplish his eternal will (2:10).

He has brought you near to the blood of Jesus (2:13).

He has reconciled you to God (2:16).

He has made you accepted into his Father by the Holy Spirit (2:18).

He has made you citizens together as members of God (2:19).

He now dwells in you by His Spirit (2:22).

Notice that Paul did not begin this book with a command to do it worthily.

He lays the foundation first in the first three chapters, so that you may know who you are in Christ Jesus, and what God has done in you through Christ Jesus, and what power he has given you through the Holy Spirit.

He has equipped you with everything you need to act worthily.

Trying to do things worthily without the help of all that God has done will cause despair and uselessness.

While many sermons emphasize how members of the church should act and what they should do for Jesus, they teach nothing about what God did for them in the first place. In the end, the saints are always weighed down by the heavy burden of despair.

What does it really mean to act worthily?

Act with humility.

Paul describes himself as the least of the apostles, even unworthy to be called an apostle, saying, "It is the grace of God that I am what I am."

In 3:8 he says that he is less than the least of the members of the church.

The Greeks considered the word [megalopsuchia] a virtue, which is a mega mind. Humility was not a virtue in Greek culture.

Humility is seen as a virtue for us Christians because we live only for the glory of the Lord, not for the glory of ourselves or the recognition of the world. Paul said, "I have nothing to boast about except in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ".

We are told to act with meekness (warmth). In Greek this is [Praus].

Aristotle defined the word as midway between extreme anger and extreme flexibility. A state of extreme anger, but not in anger at all, isn't this strange?

There are many absurdities in this world that make us angry, but we should not be angry at any trivial thing that happens to us.

The same Greek word was written for pet animals. Just like a tamed beast whose great strength has turned into a disposition to obey only its tamer.

He told us to be patient. The Greek word is [makrothumia].

This is the spirit of not giving up easily or admitting defeat. The

Romans never cherished the idea of losing a war. Sometimes they lose wars, but they do not see themselves as defeated in wars.

They had a belief in ultimate victory.

The second meaning is patience with people. They had the power of revenge, but they resist it.

Paul expands on this in 1 Corinthians 13. "Believe all things, hope all things, endure all things."

It's like a small dog jumping and barking in front of a big dog.

Accepting insults and pain without complaining.

This is one of the attributes of God.

Tolerate one another in love. That is to say, agape love.

There are four words for love in the Greek language.

Eros: Sexual passion.

Philia: Emotional love (the love of a friend or brother).

Storge: Family love.

The new word in the New Testament is the spiritual level of love, agape.

When a new word is coined, there must be a definition that sets out the meaning of the new word.

1 Corinthians 13 gives the definition of agape love.

**[1 Cor. 13:4-8] Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; (5) does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; (6) does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.**

In Galatians we have a different definition.

**[Gal. 5:22-23] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,**

**longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

Then Paul tells us to hold fast the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Unfortunately, there have been many divisions in the body of Christ throughout his-tory. However, it is fundamental that we keep the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Further down in this chapter, he speaks of the unity of faith.

The unity of faith will never come while man lives on the other side of heaven.

How pitiful is it for so many to look up to heaven to prove their doctrinal positions correct.

They look for the opportunity to say, "Look, what did I say?"

The book of Proverbs says that God hates those who discord among their brothers.

Paul told the Romans to beware of those who promote divisions.

In his first letter to Corinth, Paul said:

**[I Cor. 1:10-13] Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (11) For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. (12) Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." (13) Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?**

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul says that division is a sign of carnal nature.

**[I Cor. 3:3] for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?**

We must acknowledge and be thankful that there is sharing in the body of Christ.

**[I Cor. 12:4-14] There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5) There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: (8) for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, (10) to another the work-ing of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another differ-ent kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. (11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (12) For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. (14) For in fact the body is not one member but many.**

When we try to keep the unity of the Holy Spirit, we are bound by the chains of peace.

We are all bound with the chains of peace of Christ.

It's surprising how many people don't let you on the neutral side.

They force you to choose one side or the other.

Many times the purpose of their request to clarify your attitude is to argue with you.

I believe there are people in the world who always have a reason for strife in their hearts, determined not to let anyone be at peace.

We are called to be representatives of Jesus Christ. There is no greater calling in this world than that. That is the Highest Calling.

We must walk worthy of the calling, but we must act meekly, be patient with love, and hold fast the unity of the Holy Spirit, which is bound in the bond of peace. No-tice the Trinity here.

There is the unity of the Holy Spirit,

There is one Lord, Jesus.

And there is one Heavenly Father.

Throughout the Bible, these three are always together, working together, and respect-ing each other equally.

In Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove, and the Father acknowledged the whole scene, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

In all of Jesus' life, you always see these three.

When he dies, you see him laying down his life. We see that he says, "No one takes it from me, but I give it myself," and lay down his life as a sacrifice through the eternal Holy Spirit.

[Heb. 9:14] how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**[II Cor. 5:19] that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

As the Triune God becomes one, we must become one.