

SESSION 14
EPHESIANS 4.1-3

Overarching Themes in Ephesians: "The letter dwells profoundly upon the Person of Jesus Christ and the Church." RP Martin

Context: Paul's doxology of praise to God in which he acknowledges that the might of Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us, the Church, will accomplish far more than we can ever know or imagine, to the end that God would be glorified eternally by Christ-in -His-Church inseparable.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session: The we would understand the source of and qualities of a life that is in pursuit of God's calling.

Introductory Consideration: The letter now turns from doctrinal affirmations to practical exhortations, a pattern seen in many of Paul's letters. Why do you think Paul keeps this order in his letters?

V 1a What is the "therefore" in this verse there for? Eph 3.13

V 1b What really is the essence of the Christian life as revealed in this verse?

What is fundamentally needful to receive such a call?

What do you think is the basis for Paul's plea that the believer's life reflect the nature of Him Who calls?

What is the great enemy of the spread of the Gospel that comes through a purported believer?

What is hypocrisy and what is its fundamental essence? 2 Cor 11.13-15

What is the impact of hypocrisy upon the mission of the Church to advance the Kingdom of God?

V 2 What character qualities are enumerated as befitting a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

What is the significance of the "in love" that comes at the end of this verse?

How does the Holy Spirit forge the agape love of Christ within us?

Jer 17.9

Ps 51.17

Agape love never dawns upon the soul without real repentance; it lives at the foot of the Cross.

All of the qualities of worth in the believer bloom in the garden of humility. Only the character of Christ befits the call of Christ.

V 3 What is the necessity for endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit?

Endeavor = to try hard, to exert effort, to make an earnest attempt.

How would you define the "unity of the Spirit"? Eph 2.16 Eph 1.9-10

How would you define the "bond of peace"?