

SESSION 15
EPHESIANS 4.4-10

Context: Paul's presentation of the core qualities of a heart surrendered to Jesus Christ that celebrates His agape love, a love forged within us by the Holy Spirit through our comprehending our need of The Savior and the immense price He paid for the forgiveness of our personal sin.

The establishment and preservation of the unity of the Spirit in the bond peace is to be the earnest endeavor of the Church, as this peace, born of true reconciliation to God, affords the fullness of His design for relationships within the Body to realized.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session: That we would understand the depth and power of the Truth of the Trinity.

That we would understand the relationship between faith and the grace gifts given through the Holy Spirit by Christ Jesus to His Church and that we have a right understanding of how these gifts are to be employed to edify the Body.

V 4-5 What is a creed?

What is the relationship between "one body" and "one Lord"?

What is the relationship between "one Spirit" and "one faith"?

What is the relationship between "one hope that belongs to your call" and "one baptism"?

V 6 What is the power implicit in this verse? Deut 6.4

What is the power of Truth?

It is immutable, unassailable, enduring for eternity. It withstands the most intense scrutiny as it is infinitely pure. It is the platform that compels faith. It is the first reflection of the Trinity, resonating among Them with fiery zeal. It is the soul mate of holiness.

V 7 What do you think this verse saying about grace gifts given to the Church?

With respect to Christ's grace gifts to the Church, what is foundational to maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?

Rom 12.3-8

Js 4.6

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The discipline of faith empties the soul of idolatry and prepares the heart to receive the grace gifts of God in Christ Jesus. Faith expressed in the repentance of sin and the believing upon Christ for the forgiveness of sin must precede the receiving of the Grace of Christ Jesus and His gifts by the individual.

V 8 This verse is derived from Ps 68.17-18.

How does Paul employ this verse in his teaching about the grace gifts of Christ Jesus to His Church?

V 9 How do we understand the descent of the Christ in this verse?

V 10 What is the impact of this verse?

Eph 1.22-23

Mt 16.18

Christ's enthronement over the universe "far above the heavens" is the guarantee the nothing truly needful for the Church will ever be lacking as the glory of God descends upon her and She becomes the dwelling place of Almighty God Himself from whom all grace and mercy flow.