

## THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:1–6

Key Verse: 4:3

1. How does Paul introduce himself, and why (1a)? What does he urge believers to do (1b)? What is this “calling,” and why do we need to remember it (2:14,16; cf. Col 3:15)?
2. How does Paul describe this “worthy walk” (2–3)? What does “all humility and gentleness” mean (2a), and why do you think he begins with these qualities? How can we live like this (3:16)?
3. Think about the meaning of “patience” and “bearing with one another.” Why is this so hard, yet so necessary? What does “in love” mean, and why does Paul add this?
4. Read verse 3. What is “the unity of the Spirit” (2:18,22; cf. 1Co 12:13)? What does the word “bond” mean? Why is “peace” among believers so important (2:14–15,17)? What does it mean to “maintain” this unity? To be “eager” for it?
5. Read verses 4–6. What is our “one body” (1:22–23; 2:16; 3:6; 4:12,16; 5:23,30)? Our “one Spirit” (2:18,22)? Our “one hope” (1:18)? Who is our “one Lord” (1:7; Ro 14:8; 1Co 12:5)? What is our “one faith” (4:13; Ro 3:22–24)? Our “one baptism” (Ro 6:3–5)? How does Paul describe God (6b)? How do verses 5–6 help us practically?