
- **Belief components**

Eph. 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

■ One body –

One Spirit –

One hope -

One Lord -

One faith –

One baptism -

■ One God and Father... -

Deep unity is a demonstration of God's power.

We put Jesus on display when we are unified.

■ *1 Cor. 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

Rom. 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

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Ephesians 4:1-6

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Ephesians:

Eph. 1: God chose , redeemed, seals and empowers you.

Eph. 2: Man's predicament, But God saved you, even us!

Eph. 3: God uniting people, people knowing God, people loving people.

Live a life worthy ...

Eph. 4:1 *As a prisoner of the Lord, I urge you to **live a life worthy** of the **calling** you have received.*

Worthy – *axios*-

Rom. 7:24 What a wretched man I am!

*Rom. 7:24b Who will **rescue** me from this body that is subject to death?*

Worthy of the calling

Rom. 7:25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Rom. 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

■ *1 Tim. 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*

"My **acceptability** in Christ is no warrant for careless living. Scripture also teaches that I am **accountable** to God for how I live. If I understand **accountability**, but not **acceptability**, I will live under pressure to behave well in order to be accepted. If I understand **acceptability**, but not **accountability**, I may become casually indifferent to sinful living. When I understand **first** my **acceptability** and **then** my **accountability**, I will be constrained to please the One who died for me, fearful that I might grieve Him, not wanting to, because I love Him." – Larry Crabb

Heb. 12:6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.

How do I live a life worthy of the calling?

Character components

*Ephesians 4:2 Be completely **humble** and **gentle**; be **patient**, **bearing with one another in love**.³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

"Completely humble" -

"Gentleness" –

"Patient" -

"Bearing with one another in love" -

Unity components

- A God component

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- Character components

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"...to **keep** the unity of the Spirit..."

- Relational component

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"Make every effort" - Spöudazō -

*Numbers 11:1 Now the people **complained** about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.*

*Numbers 14:2 All the Israelites **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!"³ Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"⁴ And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."*
