

# EPHESIANS



## **Ephesians 1 – 3 Recap**

- **Chosen in Christ:** Believers are adopted as sons, made holy and blameless.
- **Spiritual Blessings:** Through Christ's salvation, we receive every spiritual blessing.
- **From Death to Life:** Once dead in sin, we are now alive in Christ by grace through faith.
- **Sealed by the Holy Spirit:** Eternally secure in Christ, seated with Him in the heavenly realms.
- **Created for Good Works:** Believers are recreated in Christ to fulfill God's intended tasks.
- **Unified Church:** Salvation forms a universal church— all believers become one family (“one new man” – Eph. 2:15).
- **God's Eternal Plan:** The church and salvation through Christ were always God's original plan.
- **Paul's Prayers:** He prays for believers to grasp God's power and love, leading to Christ being our all.
- **Living as Witnesses:** Knowing and living from our identity in Christ through the church empowers us to be a testimony to both the spiritual and earthly realms.

## **Ephesians 4:1 – 6:9 – Where are we headed?**

**Ephesians 4:1 – 6:19 is subdivided into five sections each governed by the imperative “walk”. The imperatives are:**

- **Walk in unity – Ephesians 4:1–16**
- **Walk in holiness (not as the Gentiles) – Ephesians 4:17–32**
- **Walk in love by imitating God and abstaining from evil practices – Ephesians 5:1–6**
- **Walk in light by not becoming involved with evildoers and their works – Ephesians 5:7–14**
- **Walk in wisdom by being controlled by the Holy Spirit in your domestic and public life – Ephesians 5:15–6:9**





A painting of an elderly man with white hair and a serene expression, lying in a wooden casket. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. His hands are clasped over a folded American flag, with the stars clearly visible. To his right, a dark brown leather-bound Bible lies on the casket, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" embossed on its cover. In the background, a large bouquet of yellow and orange flowers is visible. The entire scene is set against a soft, warm-toned background, suggesting a funeral home or a place of rest.

**“You preach your own funeral with your life.  
Everybody knows who is in the casket.”**

**– Bill Perkins**







## **Walk Worthy – Unity in the Spirit (4:1–3)**

- **Unity is sacred oneness from Christ through the Holy Spirit.**
- **Traits of walking worthy:**
  - **Humility – self-awareness before God**
  - **Gentleness – controlled strength**
  - **Patience – long-suffering like God**
  - **Love – intentional, benevolent action**

## **Oneness in Christ (4:4–6)**

- **These seven Spiritual truths of oneness that Paul presents in verses 4-6 unite all believers. They are foundational to unity.**
- **Unity does not come from organization. It is organic because of our common foundational beliefs.**
- **When we fail to keep the unity of the Spirit, we deny our oneness**



## **Diversity of Gifts (4:7–10)**

- **Each believer receives a spiritual gift for ministry.**
- **Gifts are given for our growth but, more importantly for the growth of the body in unity and love.**
- **Our gift is given according to the amount Christ deems. We are not all given the same gift.**

## **Equipping for Maturity (4:11–16)**

- **Leaders equip believers for the work of the ministry.**
- **Goal: A mature man (church) reflecting Christ's fullness.**
- **Maturity protects against deception and doctrinal instability.**
- **Speaking the (Biblical) truth in love builds up the body.**
- **A unified, functioning church is a testimony to the world.**