

Paul, 'a prisoner for the Lord' (4:1)

The man ready to die for Jesus
can tell us how to live for Jesus.

'I urge you I tell You I insist'

'Live a life worthy of the
calling you have received.'
The calling to be unified (1:4; 9-11).

The church is not a religious
community of worshippers of
Christ but is Christ himself who
has taken form among his people.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

'There is one body and one Spirit' (4:4;25)
We are the limbs of Jesus. God's cosmic
'oneness' purpose (1:9-10) is done through
the church (2:11-13; 3:6). This is the 'glory
in the church' that Paul prayed for (3:21)

'Make every effort to keep
the unity of the Spirit through
the bond of peace.' (Eph 4:3)

We are to answer Jesus' prayer:
'I have given them the glory that
you gave me, that they may be
one as we are one—' (John 17:22-23).

Be completely humble, gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love...kind and
compassionate to one another, forgiving each other as in Christ God forgave you.
(4:2;25)

4:7-10

Psalm 68 God fought for his people so that they could live in the promised land.
Jesus went to the cross to save the Church. He ascended so we can be the church.

4:11-14

The unity we keep is the unity we seek. The goal is becoming God's mature body.
We are all ministers. We need a biblical education to be equipped and fully trained.

4:15-16

Resisting error. Speaking truth in love. Living the truth.

4:17-19

Remember what we were!

4:20-24

Remember what Christ taught!

4:25-32

Goodbye to godlessness.

Welcome to God's family.

Cease moving into yourself and away from others.
Give up your antagonism. God moved toward you in gracious,
outgoing love, and you must move toward others in that same outgoing love.
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