

Unity



**Sometimes we need to stop
and be reminded:**

**1. Of our reflection – we were
created in the image of God**

**2. We must NEVER forget
who we ARE**



Ephesians 1:1-14



**In light of who we are
IN Christ, how should we
now live IN Christ**

Ephesians 4:1-3



Walk Worthy



Ephesians 4:1

**Because of who we are
IN Christ, we are to walk
in a manner which is
worthy of that
position (that calling)**



**“Christians” = Little Christs
(we’re tiny
representations of Jesus)**

1 John 2:3-6



**Ultimately, Paul was a
prisoner of the Lord.
Paul had surrendered
himself to Jesus' leadership
and direction
Ephesians 4:1-3**



**What are the character
qualities which we
are commanded to
pursue as we follow
after Christ?**



**III. BEING DILIGENT
TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT IN THE
BOND OF PEACE**



**“Diligently” = exert
ourselves; make haste;
endeavor to labor (it’s
going to take intense
effort on our part)**



**Am I zealously striving
(doing ALL that I can do)
to be unified to
other believers?**



I. HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS



**“Humility” = (literally)
lowliness of mind
Humility is having
a proper view of
yourself in relation
to who God is**



Humility is a matter of the heart (an inward proper view of who we are because of what God's done through Christ)



Gentleness (some translations use the word meekness)

A gentle or meek person submits themselves to whatever God wants



II. PATIENCE AND BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE



1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

**If we're NOT patient
with other people,
we're NOT loving**



**Practically, it's living with
the longest fuse possible**



**If this type of selfless,
sacrificial, God type love
is displayed – How much
easier would it be
to keep unity?**



CHALLENGE

1 Peter 4:7-8

