



Week Seven

Unity in the body of Christ

Ephesians 4:1-16



Ephesians 4:1 NASB '95

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling** with which you have been called...





Position - Identity in Christ

Ephesians 1-3



Practice - Lifestyle in Christ

Ephesians 4-6



Ephesians 4:1 NASB '95

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Ephesians 4:2-3 NASB '95

...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ **being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.



Ephesians 4:3 NASB '95

...being diligent to **preserve the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:13 NASB '95

...until we all **attain to the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.



Maintaining Unity

Heart / Hand / Head



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Ephesians 4:2-3 NASB '95

...with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, showing **tolerance** for one another in **love**,³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



Unity

Reconciliation

Ephesians 2

Tolerance

Ephesians 4

Diversity

Ephesians 2 & 4



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Ephesians 4:4-6 NASB '95

There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as also you were called in **one** hope of your calling; ⁵ **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, ⁶ **one** God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.



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Ephesians 4:7, 11 NASB '95

But to **each one of us** grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift... ¹¹ And He gave **some** as apostles, and **some** as prophets, and **some** as evangelists, and **some** as pastors and teachers...



Maintaining Unity

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Ephesians 4:12-13 NASB '95

...for the **equipping of the saints for the work of service**, to the **building up of the body of Christ**; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.



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Spiritual Leader

A maturing disciple with a ministry focus.



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Ephesians 4:14-15 NASB '95

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
¹⁵ but **speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ...



Maintaining Unity

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Ephesians 4:16 NASB '95

...from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together **by what every joint supplies**, according to the proper **working of each individual part**, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



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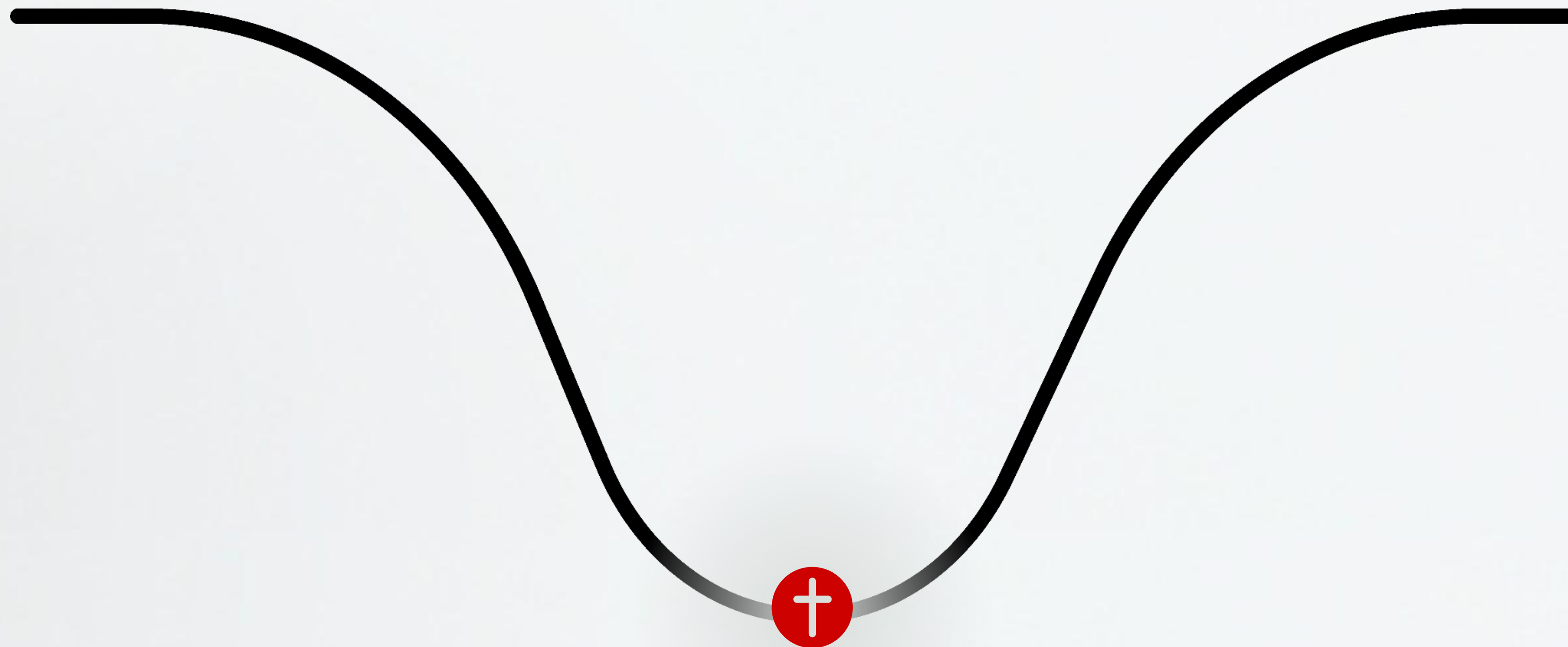
Ephesians 4:8-10 NASB '95

Therefore it says,

“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”

⁹ (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)





*¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also
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“In essentials, **unity**;
in non-essentials, **liberty**;
in all things, **charity.**”

- St. Augustine of Hippo / Rupertus Meldenius / John Wesley / ...

