

Walking the Talk – One Body (Ephesians 4:4-6) (Part I)

- Vs 4-6 Paul now states why we need to pursue unity in such a manner (v.2-3)
- Vs 4-6 Paul gives a great statement regarding the Christian church
- In a sense it is the great theme of all the New Testament letters
- Note how every appeal is not made directly to us, but as members of the church
- Paul relates to us mainly in our relationship to the church. We are all parts / members of the church: if we don't see this, we will not understand his words.
- Most of our sins persistently start with ourselves: we are the main problem
- New Testament takes us out of the way, & makes us see we are part of the body
- Most of our spiritual maladies can be cured by realizing this truth (1 Cor 12: 27)

I. One – Body Reflecting the Triune God

- New Testament shows us many church troubles start with factions (Corinth)
- A misunderstanding of the nature of the Christian Church – destroyed true unity
- Paul starts with the Trinity – 1 body-1 faith, 1 baptism, 1 God and Father of all
- Paul wants us to see the unity of the church is a manifestation of the Godhead
- When we see that, our eyes are taken off our morbid selves to God's perfection
- Before we can respond the practical - must see what, where and who we are
- God called us into the church from all walks of life to reflect this perfect unity
- As a practical point- Paul starts with the body, & the head of the body is Christ
- The Paul shows us, the head of Christ, is God the Father – we are united to God
- The Holy Spirit has put us in the body but that is because Christ came for us
- Christ came for us, because the Father who loved us sent him to die for us
- Realizing how precious our unity is in the Holy Spirit we will eagerly guard it

II. One Body Reflects Spirit Born Diversity

- Paul reminds Christians that the Holy Spirit made them members of the church,
- Paul is speaking primarily here about the mystical & unseen church
- Holy Spirit saves all kinds of people from all over the world to be in the church

III. One Body – With One Great Calling and Purpose

- The purpose of the church is to manifest the manifold glory of God in the world
- Because of our organic unity in Christ, when one person suffers we all suffer
- Now we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it- how glorious