### *Living Worthy of Christ's Calling, Part 2*
### *"The Priority of Fellowship in the Body of Christ"*
Ephesians 4:2-6

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**To live worthy of my calling, I must cherish and guard the unity of the Body of Christ!**

## 1. The Spiritual Disposition Required in Cherishing and Guarding this Unity
**vv. 2-3**

**(1) Characteristics** (v.2)                    *"walk worthy…with all lowliness and gentleness*
*with longsuffering*

-1- **Attitude of heart**                         *bearing with one another in love"*

- lowliness - Gk: tapeinophrosune       a lowly mind
humility

- gentleness – Gk: prautes    meekness       not self-willed

cf. our Lord's description of Himself: Matt. 11:29

-2- **Disposition toward others**

- longsuffering   - patient in bearing with the offenses and injuries of others
- to be mild and slow in avenging

- bearing with one another in love

**(2) Priority**   (v.3)                    *" endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit*
*in the bond of peace."*

-1- Keeping, guarding the unity of the Spirit

- a unity established by the Spirit of God
- a unity which manifests itself in a bond of peace
- a chief manifestation of the blessing of the Spirit   cf. Ps. 133

-2- We are called to seek those things which tend to peace among the brethren (Rom. 14:19)

- e.g., a readiness to deal biblically with conflicts – with a view to restoration and peace

## 2. Six Powerful Arguments for Cherishing and Guarding This Unity   vv. 4-6

**(1) We are one body!**                    *"There is one body and one Spirit"*

- constituted so by the Spirit of God
- members of each other!

**(2) We have experienced the same salvation!**            *"just as you were called*
*in one hope of your calling"*

- all of us were called out of darkness into light
- all of us will share the same blessed future

**(3) We have one Lord!**                    *"one Lord"*

**(4) We have one Confession!**                    *"one faith"*

**(5) We have one true Identity!**                    *"one baptism"*

- all of us have been baptized into Christ
- all of us have been marked out by Christ as His own

**(6) We have one God and Father**            *"one God and Father of all,*
*who is above all, and through all,*
*and in you all."*

**Further Application:**