

“Peace and Unity in the Church” (Ephesians 4:1–6)

Big Idea: Recognize and maintain the unity to which we’ve been called.

I. The Flow of the Text Explored

a. Maintaining the Unity Worthy of God’s Call (verses 1–3)

i. Humble and Meek Attitude (verses 1–2a)

Colossians 1:9–10; 1 Thessalonians 2:11–12; 2 Thessalonians 1:11–12
Proverbs 11:2; Isaiah 2:12, 17; 1 Peter 5:5b
Matthew 11:28–30; Galatians 6:1–2; 2 Timothy 2:23–26

ii. Patient and Tolerant Actions (verse 2b)

Matthew 17:14–17; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

iii. Diligent and Spiritual Peace (verse 3)

b. Recognizing the Unity Created by God’s Call (verses 4–6)

i. One Body and Spirit and Hope (verse 4)

ii. One Lord and Faith and Baptism (verse 5)

iii. One God and Father of All (verse 6)

II. The Force of the Text Extended

a. True and False Ecumenism

Ezra 4:1–3
John 17:20–23

b. Spiritual or Fleshly Conduct

Philippians 1:27; 2:1–11