

Review**2 Corinthians 5:14** What controls the new creature in Christ?

All of what I've said in these first two classes is by way of introduction to the importance of and the motivation for obedience to the practical imperatives found throughout the New Testament scriptures.

Paul's general assumption; Because you are you will live in such a way.

This morning we finally make the move to **Ephesians 4**

Background of Paul's *Practical Application* is of course set up in the first 3 chapters

The conversation actually begins in **Chapter 2 {Unity} Vs. 11-15** and he picks it up again in Chapter 4

- University
- Human associations IE: garden club, artists association, Eastham Dog owners assoc., etc
- Church body similar yet unique

Eph 4:1

- “therefore” in the context of what I've been saying
- “urge you” Imperative mood
- “walk in a manner worthy of the calling” [What calling?]

Eph 4:2&3 modifier to the command

- “in all humility”
- “in gentleness”
- “patience” {patiently “bearing with one another in love”}
- “eager” “to maintain unity”

Eph 4:7&8

- “grace was given to each of us” [what does this mean?]
- “according to the measure of Christ's gift”
- “and he gave gifts to men”

Eph 4:11-14 {the object of these gifts}

- “Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers”
- “to equip” [for what?]
 - “for the work of ministry” [what is the purpose of our ministry/service?]
 - **1Cor 12:7 & 11**
 - **1Peter 4:10**
 - “building up of the body unto unity” [what is the goal?]
 - “Attaining unity of the faith”
 - “Of the knowledge of the Son of God”
 - “no longer be children, tossed to & fro by the waves”
 - “and carried about by every wind of doctrine”