

Keeping It Together

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 81

Ephesians 4:2b-3

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Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,² with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering,

bearing with one another in love,³ doing *your* utmost¹ to keep the unity *provided* by² the Spirit in the bond of peace:...

[Ephesians 4:1-3 DJP]

Introduction:

I. Dealing With _____ Christians (v. 2b)

A. By Doing What? “Bearing With”

1. The word *anechomenoi* [an-ekh-o-men-oi]

a. Examples:

i. Matthew ___:17

ii. Acts ___:14

iii. 2 Corinthians ___:1

iv. 2 Timothy ___:3

b. The idea

2. Application

B. With Whom? “_____”

C. How? “_____”

II. Relating To _____ Christians (v. 3)

A. By Doing What? “Doing Your _____”

1. Meaning

¹ Or *being diligent*, or *showing urgency*.

² Literally *of*, denoting origin or source or authorship.

2. Examples
 - a. Secular
 - b. Biblical
 - i. Galatians __:10
 - ii. 1 Thessalonians __:17
 - iii. 2 Timothy __:15
 - iv. 2 Peter __:14

3. Who does this?

4. With whom?

B. To What _____? “To Keep the Unity”

1. The verb: _____
 - a. It means...
 - b. Examples:
 - i. 1 Timothy __:22
 - ii. 2 Timothy __:7
 - c. The idea, then, is

2. The noun: _____

C. _____? “Provided By the Spirit”

D. _____? “In the Bond of Peace”

2¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you, who once were far off, were caused to be near, by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who made the both one, and broke down the dividing wall of the partition, the hostility, in His flesh, ¹⁵by rendering inoperative the law of commandments in regulations, in order that He might create the two into one new man, making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile them both in one body to God by means of the cross, having killed the hostility by it. ¹⁷And He came *and* told the good news of peace to you — those far off — and peace to those near... [DJP]

E. _____?