

Authentic Christianity

The Privileges & Responsibilities of the Christian

Ephesians 4:1-16

Unity & Spiritual Growth In The Church

I. Review

- A. Paul writes to a struggling church to educate and encourage them
- B. Ch. 1-3 - privileges of being a Christian
- C. Ch. 4-6 - responsibilities of the Christian

II. Our Calling - 4:1

- A. How does it look?
 - 1. Worthy of Christ - v.1
 - 2. Humble in heart - v.2a
 - 3. Patient in action - v.2b
- B. To Unity - 4:3
 - 1. In one God - v.4
 - 2. With diversity - v.7
 - 3. For the work of the ministry - v.12
- C. To Spiritual Growth - 4:15,16
 - 1. Avoiding childish behavior - v.14
 - 2. Pursuing mature behavior
 - a) We are joined together - v.16a
 - b) We all must do our part - v.16b
 - c) We are to edify one another - v.16c

III. Takeaway:

- A. Responsible Christians are actively pursuing unity and spiritual growth