

Unified to Serve

Ephesians 4:1-16

Part 1

As we focus our attention on our God-given giftedness to serve, we have seen that:

- [1] We have been ‘Liberated to Serve’ – 1 Thess. 5:12-22
- [2] We have been ‘Empowered to Serve’ – 1 Peter 4:7-11

We will now look at the fact that:

- [3] We have been ‘United to Serve’ – Ephesians 4:1-16

1A. Unity – It’s a God-Demanded Unity – 4:1-3

1B. The Foundation of the Command – 4:1 – *“walk worthy of your calling”*

2B. The Substance of the Command – 4:3 – *“maintain the unity...”*

3B. The Intensity of the Command – 4:3 – *“be diligent...”*

4B. The Sphere of the Command – 4:3 – *“in the bond of peace”*

2A. Unity – It’s a God-Produced Unity – 1:17-4:3

1B. It was produced by the power of God – 1:19-2:22

1C. God’s Power raised Jesus from the dead physically – 1:18-23

2C. God’s Power raised us from the dead spiritually – 2:1-10

3C. God’s Power saved & united the body – 2:11-22

2B. It was produced through the Lord Jesus – 2:11-22

1C. Notice how He produced peace

1D. He is our peace – 2:14

2D. He made our peace – 2:15-16

3D. He preached/proclaimed our peace – 2:17-18

2C. Notice the kind of peace He produced

1D. We are “fellow-citizens” – 2:17

2D. We are “fellow-heirs” – 3:6

3D. We are “fellow-members of the body” – 3:6

4D. We are “fellow-partakers of the promise” – 3:6

3B. It is maintained through the Holy Spirit – 4:1-3

3A. Unity – It’s a God-Sustained Unity – 4:4-6

1B. It is based on the “one-ness” of the Trinity

2B. It is based on the “one-ness” producing work of the Trinity