

Ephesians 4:1-6 • Called to a Calling

God's eternal purpose is to reveal His glorious grace to His adopted sons and daughters that results in them valuing Christ above everything and becoming the means of unity and love within His Body, the church.

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God's means of unification is revealing His grace to the recipients of that grace.

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urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling
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with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
eager to maintain the unity
of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body
and one Spirit—
just as you were called to the one hope
that belongs to your call—
one Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

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Ephesians 1:9-10 making known to us the **mystery of his will**, according to his **purpose**, which **he set forth in Christ** as a **plan** for the fullness of time, to **unite all things in him** (Christ), things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 3:6 This **mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in **Christ Jesus through the gospel**.

Genesis 22:18 and in your **offspring** shall **all the nations of the earth be blessed**, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Galatians 3:7-14 Know then that **it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham**. And the **Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, **“In you shall all the nations be blessed.”**

So then, **those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham**, the man of faith.

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and **do them.”**

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

But **the law is not of faith**, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” —

so that in **Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles**, so that we might receive the **promised Spirit through faith**.

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, **“And to your offspring,” who is Christ**.

Ephesians 4:1a I therefore, a **prisoner for the Lord...**

2Timothy 1:8 Therefore **do not be ashamed** of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me **his prisoner**, but **share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God**,

2Timothy 1:9 who **saved us and called us to a holy calling**, not because of our works but because of **his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began**,

2Timothy 1:10 and which now has been **manifested** through the **appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,**

2Timothy 1:11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

2Timothy 1:12 which is **why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.**

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Romans 8:30 And those whom he **predestined** he also **called,** and those whom he **called** he also **justified,** and those whom he justified he also **glorified.**

Ephesians 2:1-3 And **you were dead in the trespasses** and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by **nature children of wrath,** like the rest of mankind.

Psalms 14:1-3

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; **there is none who does good.**

The **LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,** to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Ephesians 2:4-9 **But God,** being **rich in mercy,** because of the great love with which **he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,** made us alive together with Christ—**by grace you have been saved—** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **so that** in the coming ages **he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

For **by grace** you have been **saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**, not a result of works, **so that no one may boast**.

Ezekiel 37:3-5 And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them,
O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

John 11:17 Now when Jesus came, **he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days**.

John 11:23 Jesus said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**”

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life**. Whoever **believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,**

John 11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**”

John 11:43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out.**”

John 11:44 The **man who had died came out**, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “**Unbind him, and let him go.**”

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