

CHAPTER 4

- ❖ The spirit of a movement or group matters
 - Is what draws others to it
 - Is what keeps things together
 - Is what distinguishes them from others
- ❖ Vs. 1: Our walk must match our words

The Worthy Walk (Vs. 1-3)

- ❖ Note the contrast with your old walk – Eph. 2:2, 10
- ❖ We are to walk worthy – Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1 Thes. 2:12
- ❖ Vocation: calling – Eph. 1:18
- ❖ Characteristics of our walk:
 - With all lowliness and meekness – Mat. 11:29
 - Long-suffering – Gal. 5:22; Col. 3:12; Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:16
 - Forbearing one another in love – Col. 3:13
 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

Unity in the Body of Christ

- ❖ Endeavoring (spoudazō: to hasten, make haste; to exert one's self) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace – Acts 5:39; Col. 3:14
- ❖ Vs. 4: There is one body, and one Spirit – Eph. 1:23, 2:15-16; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:13
- ❖ Vs. 4: We are called in one hope of our calling – Eph. 1:18; Col. 1:4
- ❖ Vs. 5: One Lord, one faith, one baptism – Mat. 28:17-19; Acts 2:38
 - One Lord – 1 Cor. 1:13
 - one faith – Jude 3
 - one baptism – Heb. 6:6
- ❖ Vs. 6: One God and Father of all
 - One God – Mal. 2:10
 - Through all and in us you all – Rom. 11:36

All of us are gifted (vs. 7-10)

- ❖ Every one of us – Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- ❖ ...was given – Eph. 1:14

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He that descended also ascended (vs. 7-10)

- ❖ Vs. 7: The gift of grace – 1 Cor. 12:7, 11 (MSG)
- ❖ Vs. 8:
 - When he ascended – Psa. 68:18
 - Led captivity captive – 1 Pet. 3:19; 1 Pet. 4:6
 - Gave gifts – note that which came from Christ were gifts and should be treated as such
- ❖ Vs. 9: Lower parts: Hades (Sheol), place of torment and Abraham's bosom – Luke 16:19-31
- ❖ Vs. 10: He also ascended – Acts 1:9; that He might fill all things – Eph. 1:23

Spiritual Leadership (vs. 11-13)

- ❖ These gifts are not up to us but God – 1 Cor. 12:6-11
- ❖ Vs. 11: He gave some
 - Apostles: a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders (Thayer's Greek Definitions); a delegate; specifically, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Definitions)
Eph. 2:20; also used to refer to Barnabas and Saul (Acts 14:4, 14)
 - Prophets: 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Cor. 14:1; Eph. 2:20; Acts 11:27; 13:1; 15:32; 21:10
 - Evangelists: Acts 21:8; 2 Tim. 4:5
 - Pastors and teachers: Jer. 3:15; Jer. 10:21; 1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; John 10

Why these gifts? (vs. 12-13)

- ❖ Vs. 12:
 - For the perfecting (katartismos: complete furnishing, equipping) of the saints
 - For the work of the ministry – for service
 - For the edifying of the body of Christ – Col. 1:24-29; Rom. 14:19
- ❖ How long? Vs. 13 – Heb. 5:11-14

The New Life (vs. 14-32)

- ❖ Vs. 14: we have to be grounded in faith, not tossed and moved by everything that comes
1 Cor. 14:20; Rom. 16:17-18
- ❖ Vs. 15: Speak the truth **IN LOVE** – Gal. 3:1; Eph. 2:1-3
 - Christ is the head – Eph. 1:22
- ❖ Vs. 16: Fitly joined together –
 - The whole body, not just you – Rom. 12:4
 - Growth is the result of every part of the body doing its part