

EPHESIANS: A Study by Bill Jones

Rising up alive through Christ,
Walking daily as one in Christ,
Standing firm with the power of Christ.
Ephesians Chapter 4

I. Our role within the body of Christ

A. Living a life worthy of our calling

(Ephesians 4:1-6, James 1:22)

- 1. Be humble, gentle, patient, loving** (Ephesians 4:2)
- 2. Be unified through the Holy Spirit and the peace of Christ** (Ephesians 4:3)
- 3. Called to the seven one's: one body, one hope, one faith, one baptism, one Spirit, one Lord Jesus, one God and Father over all and in all**
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

B. Using the gifts apportioned to us by the grace of Christ for works of service (Ephesians 4:7-12)

- 1. Given to man when he ascended to heaven** (Ephesians 4:8-10)
- 2. Called some as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers**
(Ephesians 4:11)
- 3. Called and prepares all of us for works of service to build up the body of Christ** (Ephesians 4:12)

C. Maturing in our walk to attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13-16)

- 1. Maturity that brings unity in the faith and unity in our knowledge of Jesus Christ** (Ephesians 4:13)
- 2. Don't be immature infants easily influenced by false teachings and by men of deceit** (Ephesians 4:14)
- 3. Instead of falsehood, speak the truth in love so we all will grow in our maturity and become more conformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ**
(Ephesians 4:15, Proverbs 27:6)
- 4. Christ joins all of us together into one body which grows and matures in love as we each do the work to which we are specifically called (We are each one part of the entire body.)** (Ephesians 4:16)

II. Living as Children of light

A. Don't live a life led by the old self

(Ephesians 4:17-19)

B. Put off the old self and put on the new self (Ephesians 4:20-24,

Romans 6:6, 11-13, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, 5:24-25, Colossians 3:5)

C. Be like God, like Jesus in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:24,

Romans 1:21-22, 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Proverbs 23:7)

D. Put off falsehood and speak truth (Ephesians 4:25, John 8:44, 17:17,

1 John 2:21, Revelation 22:15)

E. Daily rid self of anger or Satan gets a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27)

F. Do something useful, sharing with those in need (Ephesians 4:28)

G. No unwholesome talk, only talk which builds others up and benefits them in

just the way they need (Ephesians 4:29, Matthew 12:33-37, Colossians 4:6)

H. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

I. Rid self of all bitterness, rage, anger, malice of any kind (Ephesians 4:31)

J. Instead be kind, compassionate, forgiving in the same way God forgave us

(God forgives us in Christ not because we deserve it or earned it.)

(Ephesians 4:32)