

HOW TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF OUR CALLING

Study on Ephesians 4 (May 4, 2025)

HOW TO CONNECT CHRISTIAN BEING TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

I. FOUNDATION - ONE BODY MIND-SET

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

II. EVERYONE IS CALLED TO BE A MINISTER.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

8 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PERSPECTIVE: LIVING IN THE TRUTH

21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

APPLICATION

1. Be intentional and active in sharing life with one another.

- Reduce whatever isolates us from others when we get together.
- Be a part of regular meeting.
- Be spontaneous to have a fun time with others.
- Have a meal together.
- In conclusion, find a way to get to know one another more and better.

2. Be intentional and active in doing your ministry.

- Be willing to serve.
- Start with something you are good at.
- Invest your time to learn to do it better.
- Don’t worry about failure.
- Work together and help out each other for the common purpose and goal - teamwork!

3. Be intentional and active in identifying yourself with Jesus Christ.

- Meditate on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ.
- Speak the truth to yourself - “I am a child of God.”
- Know that you are filled with the Spirit of God - You are Holy Spirit filled, entirely sanctified follower of Christ.
- Renew your mind according to the Word of God regularly.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Christian unity of the Spirit is not something that we are supposed to create. It’s already here from God. Our job is to keep it. What characteristics should our attitudes be to keep this unity effectively according to verse 2?
2. What are some of the things we can reduce to do on Sunday morning to get ourselves connected to others more vibrantly?
3. What is a pastor’s main role (or main job) in a local church? Who are ministers according to the Bible? (Eph. 4:12)
4. Jesus’ death and resurrection declare what already happened for us in Christ. What is it that happened for us in Christ?
5. What does it mean that we are to be made new in the attitude of our minds?
6. (Personal application) Christian life is not about trying to be better. It’s about accepting what God has already done for me and live in that reality. What can I do to strengthen my faith in Christ this week?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
