

# Ephesians 4:1-6:9

## Letter structure:

1-3 Sit

4-5 Walk

6 Stand

4:1

Calling → Walk worthy

Faithful in Christ Jesus → Holy in Ephesus

Created in Christ → To do good works

United under Christ → Be united

Indicatives → Imperatives (with indicatives)

Baptising them → Teaching them to obey (from the Scriptures)

1 Blessing from the Father

2 Access to the Father

3 Praying to the Father

4 One Father

5 As dearly loved children... Giving thanks to the Father

6 Peace from the Father

Metaphors of church – body, building, bride, brotherhood

Esp. The new body → The growth of the body

Gospel to the praise of his glory (1:6, 12, 14)

Eyes opened to see → fullness

Gospel on display in church (3:10)

Power to grasp → fullness → glory in the church & in Christ Jesus

Whole measure of fullness of Christ

## Preaching Eph. 4:1-6:9:

1. Focus on the family
2. Teach ecclesiology
3. The corporate and the individual
4. Counter-culture
  - a. Multi-ethnic, unity and diversity
  - b. Care for the poor
  - c. Forgiving, humble, patient
  - d. Pro-life
  - e. Revolutionary sexual ethic
5. Logic and Imagery
6. Bring out the goodness of goodness
7. Ground it
8. Give us the whole Christ

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