

**The Church: Growing Together in Unity** (Eph. 4:1 - 6)

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (4:1)*

Ch. 4 marks a turning point. Paul moves from theology to practice, from exposition to exhortation. In the first half of the letter he has written just one imperative (2:11) but in the last half, dozens. Having just prayed for the believers to grow in their capacity to be filled with God he now exhorts them to live in a manner consistent with their calling, which means living in unity, maturity and purity.

**I. The Unity of the Church and the Character of their People** (4:1 - 2)

**II. The Unity of the Church and the Quality of their Fellowship** (4:3)

**III. The Unity of the Church and the Nature of their God** (4:4 - 6)

**Questions for Reflection:**

1. What do verses 1 - 3 teach us about the measurement of true Spiritual stature? What does Spiritual maturity look like according to these verses and what are the common counterfeits?

2. What do these verses teach us about the true nature of Christian unity? What is our unity founded upon and what should be the primary 'tests' for unity? (cf. 2:1 - 6 and 4:13)



## Personal Study Notes

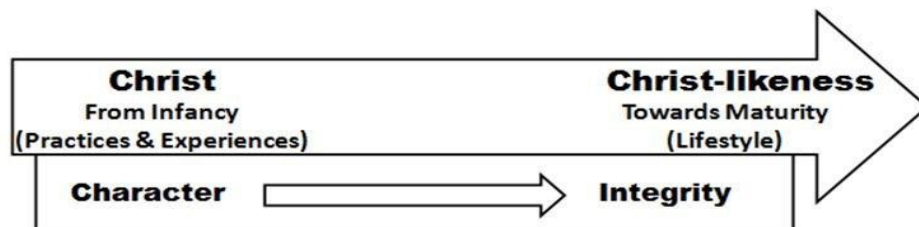
### Ephesians 4:1 - 6

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (4:3)*

Humble, Gentle, Patient (4:2)

Bearing with one another in love (4:2)

**As Followers of Christ We Journey from:**



One body, One Spirit, One hope (4:4)

One Lord, One faith, One baptism (4:5)

One God and Father of all (4:6)

**Questions or Insights for Discussion:**

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