

BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

A WORTHY WALK

EPHESIANS 4:1–6



The Heart of the Matter

Many of Paul's letters begin with doctrinal truths, instructing readers in basic Christian beliefs. Then, after the reader has a clearer understanding of faith in Christ, the second half of the letter deals explicitly with how to live out the Christian faith in the world. The two sections are often joined by a single verse. These "hinge" verses can be clearly seen in Romans (12:1), Galatians (5:1), and Colossians (3:1). The same is true for Ephesians, where in 4:1 we see the beginning of a highly practical section, one that teaches believers how to apply the great truths of God's sovereignty and salvation in day-to-day life.



Discovering the Way

1. How to Walk in Unity (Ephesians 4:1–3)

Paul described four character qualities that we must possess and pursue to walk in unity with others: *humility, gentleness, patience, and tolerance*.

2. Why We Walk in Unity (Ephesians 4:4–6)

Paul used the term "one" seven times in this passage to describe certain beliefs and practices that should unite believers.



Starting Your Journey

If we mean to actually live in unity and not just talk about it, we must commit ourselves to walking together with other believers, even in the midst of the disagreements that inevitably arise.

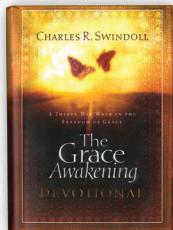


Tools for Digging Deeper

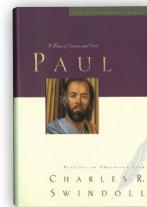


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