

“The New Us: United”

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Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-16

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, **beseech you that ye walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ‘

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

1st three messages: 1) “Holy, Holy, Holy” -> 2) “I Will Build My Church” -> 3) “True Kingdom Living”

The New Us Recap – 2 weeks ago

The Colossian Story -> a young church not founded by Paul

Walk Differently - Colossians

Colossians 3:1-17

Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and **in them you also once walked**, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

That is the new YOU... -> (First 8 verses)

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

So, **as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved**, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, **which is the perfect bond of unity**.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, **to which indeed you were called in one body**; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

That is The New US... The New YOU applied to others around you...is the new US...

The Philippian Story

Walk Worthy -> Philipians 1:27

"Only **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

Philippians 2:1-5

"Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by **being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose**. Do nothing from selfishness

or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,”

The Ephesians Story

Walk in Unity

- A. **beseech you that ye walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Lowliness

Matthew 5:3 Jesus said “**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**”

Meekness

Matthew 5:5 Jesus said “**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth**”

Forbearing / Showing Tolerance for one another

Colossians 1:11

Living with a purpose of “attaining of all steadfastness and patience”

Dealing with difficult circumstances and dealing with difficult people

- B. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

“**keep the unity of the Spirit**” -> “**Being Diligent to Watch Over**” -> **Tereo** -> like a watchman at his post

“**in the bond of peace**” -> preserving peace as a higher value than your own “victory”

Why should we do this Paul?

There is ONE body

There is ONE Spirit

There is ONE hope of your calling

There is ONE Lord

There is ONE faith

There is ONE baptism (of the Spirit)

There is ONE God and Father of all

Who is above all, through all, and in you all (ya'll)

One **Family of God**

One **Holy Spirit**

One **Hope of Salvation**

One **Savior and Lord**

One **Belief System -> One Way to God**

One **Spiritual Baptism**

One **God and Father** in Heaven

Pastor's BT “Don't you realize that we're part of a bigger plan here?”

“You belong or you do not belong”

Trinity College in Dublin -> Small Catholic Church – “You know anybody here, Lord”

“I am wherever the hearts are pure”

Matthew 5:8 Jesus said: **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”**

C. And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

apostles -> ones who are “sent” -> modern day missionaries, could be local or foreign

prophets -> ones who “speak forth God’s will” in a specific situation -> modern day counselors or others

evangelists -> ones who “spread good news” -> modern day Billy Graham’s, local or foreign

pastors -> ones who “shepherd the flock” -> modern day pastors centered on soul care

teachers -> ones who “diligently instruct” -> modern day pastors/theologians/seminarians

for the purpose of...

perfecting the saints -> Preparing and equipping to join in specific service, that is the

work of the ministry -> whatever area of ministry the focus is on:

For apostles (missionaries), to train new missionaries

For evangelists, to train new evangelists

For pastors, to train new pastors

to edify the body of Christ -> to build, as in a house -> a spiritual house

Pastor BT #2: Until we all come in the Unity of the Faith

-> Until we all have oneness as a focus

-> Centered around sound doctrine

This is The New Us: United

the knowledge of the Son of God -> “Experiential knowledge of Jesus in your life”

unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature -> “complete and spiritually mature”

of the fulness of Christ -> “to be like Jesus: to have the human qualities He displayed for us”

“As a tuning fork is used to harmonize the chords in a piano, so the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers should harmonize to tune the Church of Jesus Christ to the melody of Christ’s life”

“Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church”

D. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive’

If we are mature in Christ, we are no longer children of the faith. We will be wise to understand that some individuals are not truly on Jesus’s team, even though they might “say” or “act” like they are.

We need to be wary of false doctrine, to test the spirits, to look out for false teachers.

As Jude wrote, we should “contend for the faith”

Revelation 2:2-5

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and **that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false**; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake and have not grown weary. **But I have this against you, that you have left your first love**. Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place-- unless you repent.”

The Ephesian church was great at testing the spirits. They were awesome at discerning who was evil and who was not. They excelled at finding false apostles. Unfortunately, they left love out of the equation, but that’s for another message.

E. “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Speaking the truth in love -> to these individuals who are trying to deceive us, and by inference, to anyone in an evangelistic opportunity -> We should always be speaking in love

Jude 17-23

“But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the love of God**, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. **And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.**”

Three different group of people, Jude is referring to, 1) those who are innocently led astray by false teaching (who are doubting), 2) those who are closely aligned with false teachers and teaching themselves (snatch them out of the fire), and 3) the false teachers, themselves (have mercy with fear).

grow up into Him in all things -> “yielding to the Spirit’s control in obedience”

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

In Christ, with spiritual mature individuals, worked as one body, together, UNITED, each one using the spiritual gifts given to them for the body to benefit as a whole.

This is **The New Us** in action, united and working in unity as a team of believers, on mission for Jesus Christ in our community.

Prayer of Commitment

“We encourage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and influence; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, disciplines, and doctrines, to contribute cheerfully and regularly as the Lord has prospered, to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all the nations.”

Thankfulness for Unity

Order of Service

Calvary Baptist Church, Cambridge

January 16th, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Dr. Geoffrey Plummer Preaching

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| Welcome and Announcements | Pastor Geoffrey Plummer |
| Worship in Music <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family of God• We Are God's People | Congregation |
| Offertory Prayer | Deacon Colby Carpenter |
| Reading of God's Word and Prayer | Trustee Jerry Schaeffer |
| Sermon (Ephesians 4:1-16) | Pastor Geoffrey Plummer |
| Celebration Music <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revelation Song | Congregation |
| Benediction | Pastor Geoffrey Plummer |

Announcements for Sunday, January 16th, 2022

Communications Update

- The new **website** is LIVE: www.cbccne.org
- **YouTube** Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCra63eoUMtj13N2Q_uamemA
- **Online Giving** is Available: Go to the website, there is a **Give** button at the top right
- **"Ask the Pastor"** is LIVE Go to the website, **"Ask the Pastor"** in the top menu
 - Use for any biblical question you might have
- **Sermon Notes** are Online Go to the website, at the bottom of the Sermons page
- The new **Facebook** account is LIVE: See Cheryl Schaeffer for more information
- Sign-up for **Email Communication Updates** if you haven't already

Upcoming Events

- **The Circle and "The Chosen"** Sunday, January 16th at 5:00pm
- **Ephesians Study** Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00pm
- **Annual Business Meeting** Sunday, January 30 ay 11:30am

Lyrics to: Family of God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ix45QsvBQF8>)

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,
It's because we're a family and these are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

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I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
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For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King,
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong!

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Lyrics to: We Are God's People (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICPCUSZNBuA>)

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

Lyrics to: Revelation Song (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdvqEGIZ_UI)

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You, I will adore You**

**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery, yeah**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come, yeah
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You, adore you
Holy, holy, You are holy**

**We sing Holy Lord
We sing Holy Lord**

Sermon Notes

Colossians Story

The New YOU

The New US

Philippians Story

Ephesians Story

The United ONEs:

Pastor's Big Take Away:

He Gave Us:

apostles

prophets

evangelists

pastors

teachers

For the Purpose of:

Until we ALL: