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## EPHESIANS 4:1-10

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### **I. Necessary Attitudes - Chapter 4:1-3**

#### **A. Therefore**

1. Because of the first three chapters:
  - i. He chose us (1:4)
  - ii. He predestined us (1:5)
  - iii. In Him we have redemption (1:7)
  - iv. Made known to us (1:9)
  - v. Made us alive with Christ (2:5)
  - vi. We are His workmanship (2:10)

#### **B. Prisoner of the Lord**

1. Literally
  - i. In jail for serving the Lord
2. Figuratively
  - i. Prisoner of Christ
3. Compare this to what Paul asks of others

#### **C. Walk in a manner worthy of your calling**

1. Live up to your calling
  - i. Phil. 1:27—worthy of the gospel of Christ
2. Not that we ever could deserve what God has done, but that we should walk in a manner befitting of what He has done
3. How had they walked in the past?
  - i. Eph. 2:1-3
    - a. Dead in sin
    - b. According to this world
    - c. According to the prince of the power of the air
    - d. Lusts of our flesh
    - e. Children of wrath
4. How are they suppose to walk now?
  - i. Eph. 4:2-3
    - a. Humility and gentleness
    - b. With patience
    - c. Showing tolerance for one another in love
    - d. Diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit

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## II. Principles and Truths On Which We Are United – Chapter 4:4-6

### A. One Body

1. Eph 1:22-23
  - i. Christ is Head
  - ii. Body is the church
2. Eph. 2:16
  - i. All Christians are members of this one body

### B. One Spirit

1. Eph. 1:13-14
  - i. Pledge of our inheritance

### C. One hope of your calling

1. Eph. 1:18
2. Eph 1:11-12
  - i. Inheritance
3. Titus 1:2
  - ii. Eternal Life

### D. One Lord

1. Eph 1:3
  - i. The only place to receive blessings

### E. One Faith

1. Eph 1:15
  - i. Faith in the Lord Jesus
  - ii. Heard of their faith

### F. One Baptism

### G. One God and Father

## III. Gifts Given to Promote Unity – Chapter 4:7-10

### A. Eph 1:5-8 - Grace

1. Freely bestowed
2. Lavished on us

### B. Psalms 68:15-18

1. The Lord gives gifts to His people of the spoils of the enemy

### C. Revelation 12:10

1. Gifts Christ gives to the church after His victory over the captivity of death

## Questions

1. What does the word “therefore” in verse one refer to or, in other words, on what basis does Paul make his request?
  
2. What does the mention of being a prisoner add to Paul’s request?
  
3. How is it that we are worthy? Are we worthy?
  
4. How had they walked in the past?
  
5. Are the qualities mentioned in verses two and three electives that should be added once we are walking in a manner worthy of the calling or is it necessary to master these qualities before we are considered to be walking in that manner?
  
6. In view of all the division today, is unity an achievable goal? If so, what is necessary to achieve unity?
  
7. How do verses 7-10 fit the context of unity?