



WALK GRACE

A SERMON SERIES FROM EPHESIANS 4-6



PUT OFF
THE OLD SELF.
PUT ON
THE NEW SELF.
WALK IN
NEWNESS OF LIFE.





‘State of the art’ fire station burns down ... because it had no fire alarms

German firefighters forced to put out blaze at their own multi-million euro station, in which 10 engines were lost

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/world-news/2024/10/17/fire-station-stadtallendorf-west-germany-burns-down-alarms/>



<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/more-lessons-aa-driving-school-car-pictured-crashed-into-power-pole/ML3RZHCNOWXVLKRE7N4ZDYIPDU/>



Drunk driving instructor crashes car on way to lesson

Timothy Howells banned from driving for 30 months after being found four times over limit



Dog locks locksmith out of his van



GUARD THE UNITY

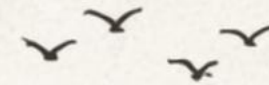
EPHESIANS 4:1-6





Big Idea

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we protect the unity of our community**

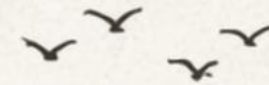


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- *We have been selected by the Father (1:3-6)*
- *We have been saved by the Son (1:7-10)*
- *We have been sealed by the Spirit (1:11-14)*
- *We have been saved by grace (2:1-10)*
- *We have been brought into the church (2:11-3:13)*



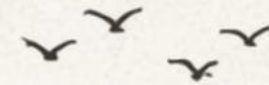
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- a) *Walk in unity (4:1-16)*
- b) *Walk in holiness (4:17-24)*
- c) *Walk in love (4:25 – 5:2)*
- d) *Walk in light (5:3-14)*
- e) *Walk in wisdom (5:15– 6:9)*
- f) *Stand in warfare (6:10-20)*



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Does our calling shape our character?



2. Protect our unity with your character (vv.2-3)

We **don't** create our unity

We **do** make an effort to preserve it

- *How?*

a) Be humble

b) Be gentle

c) Be patient

d) Be forbearing



**Be like
Jesus**



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3. Remember what unites us (vv.4-6)

- The **Spirit** has formed one body and given one hope;
- The **Son** is our one Lord, received through one faith and confessed in one baptism;
- The **Father** is over, through and in us all.



3. Remember what unites us (vv.4-6)

1. One Body (the universal church)
2. One Spirit (the Holy Spirit)
3. One Hope (eternal life through Christ)
4. One Lord (Jesus, the Son)
5. One Faith (in Christ as God and Savior)
6. One Baptism (of the Holy Spirit)
7. One God (the Father)

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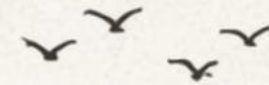
Position and Condition: An Exposition of the Book of Ephesians





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Application

- 1. Let's take responsibility for the unity of our church**
- 2. Evaluate your character, not just your theology**
- 3. Major on what God majors on**



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