



## Sermon Notes

United in Hope Part 2  
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### Ephesians 4:1-6

*(1) As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (2) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (3) Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism; (6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

**In order to be united in hope we must recognize that we have been called by God, that unity takes effort, and that unity is possible because we are one in Christ.**

### Colossians 1:27

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

### 1 Corinthians 1:9

*God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our LORD.*

**Not only does Christ dwell within us, but we are called to be a partner with him in his work.**

### Ephesians 2:10

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

*(9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

**We have been called out of darkness in order to be:**

- A chosen people - John 15:16; Titus 2:14
- A royal priesthood - Revelation 1:5(b)-6
- A holy nation - Exodus 19:6
- God's special possession - Ephesians 1:13-14

**Called By God:**

- Called to hope - Christ in us the hope of glory
- Called into fellowship or partnership with Christ
- Called out of darkness into his wonderful light



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### **Ephesians 4:3**

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit, through the bond of peace.*

### **Ephesians 4:1-2**

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### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

*(8) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- (9) not by works, so that no one can boast.*

### **Ephesians 2:14-18**

*(14) For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, (15) by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, (16) and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. (17) He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. (18) For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

**A works mentality leads to pride and impatience rather than to humility and patience.**

**Jesus put to death the hostility that exists between works and grace through the cross!**

### **Ephesians 2:10**

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### **Ephesians 4:11-13**

*(11) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (12) to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (13) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

### **Ephesians 4:16**

*From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

### **Ephesians 4:4-6**

*(4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; (5) one LORD, one faith, one baptism; (6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*



**Ephesians 2:21-22**

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*(21) In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the LORD. (22) And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

