

Ephesians 4:1-3

In the first three chapters of Ephesians, Paul has set forth the believer's position with all the blessings, honors, and privileges that comes with being a child of God.

Ephesians 4:1 Paul urges them to "walk worthy of" their "vocation", a divine call to the religious lifestyle. 1 Peter 2:9

By mentioning his imprisonment Paul gently reminds his readers that he knows the worthy Christian walk can be costly and that he has paid considerable cost himself because of his obedience to the Lord. Matthew 24:9

Paul had the ability to see everything in the light of how it affected Christ. His motives were Christ's, his standards were Christ's, his objectives were Christ's, his vision was Christ's, his entire position was Christ's. 1 Peter 4:11, Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31

When we accept the Lord Jesus as our Savior, that is just the first step. There is a job to do. Our call of God is to walk in the salvation by which we have received. 1 Timothy 6:20

"Walk ... worthy": has the idea of living to match one's position in Christ. The apostle urged his readers to be everything the Lord desires and empowers them to be. Acts 1:6-8

"Vocation": In the verse above, means calling or invitation. This is not a job chosen to make a living by, but to make a life by. Christianity is a way of life.

"Calling": This refers to God's sovereign call to salvation. Galatians 5:16

The believer who walks in a manner worthy of his or her calling with which he or she has been called is one whose daily living corresponds to his high position as a child of God and fellow heir with Jesus Christ. Romans 8:17, Ephesians 2:6

Ephesians 4:2 "Lowliness" means humility which is the most foundational Christian virtue. James 4:6
Matthew 5:3,

We cannot even begin to please God without humility, just as our Lord Himself could not have pleased His Father Philippians. 2:7-8

"Meekness": (another word is gentleness), refers to that which is mild spirited and self-controlled Matthew. 5:5; 11:29; Galatians. 5:23; Colossians. 3:12.

"Longsuffering" is another word for patience. 2 Peter 3:9

"Forbearing one another in love": is continuous and unconditional 1 Peter 4:8.

We all should know what the word "love" means "agape" which is the unselfish type of love that God has. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Ephesians 4:3 "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

"Endeavoring" means that we are to go out of our way to make this unity work.

The unity of the Spirit here, is the Holy Spirit. We are one with Christ in this Spirit, as He is one with the Father. John 17:1-5, Colossians. 3:14

The bond of peace." preserves unity it is the spiritual belt that surrounds and binds God's holy people together. The only real peace in this life is the peace that He gives you and I is from within. John 14:27