

Week 24 - Applying the Word to Our Daily Lives

Wednesday

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:15

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Eph. 4:1-3)

WALKING IN A WAY WORTHY OF BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

The building up of the church requires us to walk in a way worthy of our calling: “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:1-3). We are not competing against one another in the church, but we are members of one another. In a body, there are no competing members; we are all important to one another. There must be mutual care among the brethren and never competition.

God has called us to walk with all lowliness and gentleness. In the church, there should never be one who desires to take advantage of another. If I were to damage a brother, I would be damaging myself. It is also important that we do not cultivate an environment of mistrust in our midst.

Being longsuffering and patient is needed while helping to perfect others that they may grow in life. We ought to bear one another. Imagine that you were playing soccer, and a professional player joins your team. I believe you would not say, “I don’t want him in my team; he will steal my thunder.” Dear saints, we are all in the same team. Our enemy, on the other hand, wants to decrease our team. Let us be patient and meek, and strive to keep the oneness of the Spirit. We keep this oneness by turning to the Spirit. When we live in our flesh, we damage the whole body of Christ. Only by turning to the Spirit can we keep the bond of peace. This peace unites and leads us forward in the edification of the church.

Ephesians 4:4 reads, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling.” Thanks to God, there is only one body. Do not concern yourself with competition, for all members are important in this body. Moreover, there is only one hope, which means that we should not divide ourselves, as we all share one body, one Spirit and one hope: “one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (vv. 5-6).

God has given us Christ, who is full of grace. Grace is the first gift we received through redemption.

God delivered us from sin and redeemed us. Through Christ, we received God’s life and were put into the church. Now, as members of the body of Christ, we are being built up together into the dwelling place of God in the Spirit. We are not isolated in the universe, but all part of this collective building. Hallelujah!

Key Point:

We need one another to grow in life and build up the body of Christ.

Your Key Point:

Question:

Have you been walking in a manner worthy of your calling?