

WALKING IN THE FINISHED WORK

Ephesians 4:1-6

INTRODUCTION: Many believers hear “walk worthy” and quietly feel pressure to perform better for God. But Ephesians 4:1–6 isn’t about earning anything; it’s about expressing what Christ has already finished. Because Jesus has secured our salvation, identity, and unity, Paul invites us to simply live out, in everyday relationships, the new life and oneness we already possess in Him.

I. WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING *v.1*

A. Remember who called you.

1. We have been called by the wonderful grace of Jesus Christ, through His finished work on the cross. *2 Timothy 1:9*
2. This calling brings us into perfect union and fellowship with Jesus. *1 Corinthians 1:9*
3. The calling also establishes us a member of God’s family. *1 John 3:1-2*

B. Live in a way that flows from the gospel.

1. Our right behavior flows from the blessings we have received.
2. It is because of the finished work on the cross that our identity and value have shifted. *Romans 6:6, Romans 6:18*
3. We are living our lives with the assurance that our eternity has been secured.

C. See your whole life as Christ living through you.

1. We are not trying to perform. It is Christ living through us in daily life. *Galatians 2:20*
2. We are Christ's ambassador because he has already reconciled us.
3. It is all about His continual presence and not our continuous self-effort. *Galatians 5:25*

II. CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER IN COMMUNITY vv.2-3

A. Humility and gentleness as the fruit of Christ living in you.

1. Our humility flows from seeing ourselves in Christ and not in the flesh. *Philippians 2:4-5*
2. In humility, we serve Christ in response to Christ the Servant living in us. *Philippians 2:6-7*
3. Gentleness is empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. *Titus 3:2*

B. Patience and forbearance as expressions of God's patience with you. v.2

1. We extend patience to others because of the patience we've received from God.
2. We demonstrate forbearance toward others because Christ's long-suffering love toward us.
3. The love we demonstrate is the result of the love we have received through the Holy Spirit. v.2, *John 13:34*

C. Diligence to preserve the unity established by Christ. v. 3

1. Unity was accomplished by Christ's death and the work of the Holy Spirit.
2. We eagerly live out this unity because of our shared salvation.
3. We reject offense as we recognize how the shed blood of Jesus established the forgiveness of all our sins. *Proverbs 15:1*

III. STAND ON THE UNSHAKABLE UNITY WE SHARE vv.4-5

A. One body, one Spirit and one hope.

1. Through faith in Christ we are now members of one body.
2. As believers we share in the same Spirit who dwelt in Christ. *Romans 8:9*
3. Together we have the same security and hope in Jesus. *John 14:2*

B. One Lord, one faith and one baptism.

1. Jesus is the one and only Lord by which we can be saved. *Acts 4:11-12*
2. We share the same faith in the “once for all” gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. We have been united with Christ through His death and resurrection, testified through baptism. *Romans 6:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17*

C. One God and Father of all. v.4-6

1. This final verse completes the truth of the Trinity.
2. Our family identity is established with God as our Father.
3. God is established as the ruler over each of us. *Philippians 2:13*

CONCLUSION: Ephesians 4:1–6 calls us not to strive for something we lack, but to step into what Christ has already secured—our calling, our character in Him, and our unity. As we remember His finished work, rely on His indwelling Spirit, and rest in our shared identity, our “worthy walk” becomes simply the natural outflow of the grace we already enjoy.