

The SURPRISING PRIORITY in a Christian's Walk

- We tend to think _____, but Paul always thinks _____.
- The surprising priority is _____.
- Unity doesn't just _____. It can't be taken for _____. It must be _____!
- 4 character qualities essential for maintaining unity:
 1. humility
 2. gentleness
 3. patience
 4. forbearing love



Walk in Manner Worthy

Ephesians 4:1-3

Sunday, January 5, 2019

In our United study of Ephesians, we find ourselves at the turning point of the book and here we discover 3 timely truths and a great challenge for a new year and decade . . .

The URGENT NECESSITY of a Christian's Walk

- The Gospel is not just truth to _____, but truth to _____.
- The Christian life is not _____ but _____.
- Every life circumstance is an opportunity to actively LIVE IN Christ and FOR Christ.

The INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY for a Christian's Walk

Ephesians 1 - 3	Ephesians 4 - 6

Q: Why does Paul spend three chapters explaining our Gospel calling?

A: Because that's where the _____ for our Christian walk is _____.



NEXT WEEK
Our Blessings in Christ
 Ephesians 1-3



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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

As you come back together for the first time in 2020, take time to share how you process a new year. Do you make resolutions? Goals? Reflect? Plan? Or do nothing?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? How did God speak to you this week? What truth did you need to hear again or for the first time in this message?
2. Take time to read Ephesians 1:1 - 4:3 together. How is 4:1 a turning point in the book? What's the focus before? What's the focus after?
3. Think about the metaphor of walking. What is Paul trying to communicate when he uses that metaphor? How would you describe your "walk in and with Christ" today . . . "power walking", "slow and steady", "coasting", or "stopped and stuck"?

4. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** The surprising priority in a Christian's walk is UNITY. We tend to think individually, but Paul always thinks communally. Why is that? How can you value and prioritize your unity and community as a growth group in 2020? What would that look like? Which of the 4 character qualities is the biggest challenge for you?
5. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** As you walk in unity together in 2020, how will you serve and reach not-yet Christians together as a group? Take some time to brainstorm and make it a goal to lock down a serve/reach opportunity as a group by February 15!

Praying Together

- Pray for one another in your walk with and for Christ across 2020 and in your current circumstances.
- Pray for a growing commitment, community and unity in your group together in 2020.