

# SERMON NOTES



## Ephesians

*“Becoming Who You Are  
in Christ!”*

### Week 7: “Grow Up!”

*August 11, 2024*

**4** *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.***

**Live the life God has \_\_\_\_\_ you to live!**

**2** *Be completely humble and gentle; ...*

**1. Be completely \_\_\_\_\_!**

- *Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

*...be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

**2. Bear with one another in \_\_\_\_\_!**

- *1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

**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.*

**7** *But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says:*

*“When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.”*

*9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)*

### **3. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit!**

- *Philippians 2:1-2 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

*11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God’s 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.*

### **4. Become \_\_\_\_\_ !**

- *Hebrews 5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

*14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*

### **5. Don’t be blown away by \_\_\_\_\_ !**

- *1 Timothy 4:1,6 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ...6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.*

*15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

## **6. Speak the \_\_\_\_\_ in love**

- *1 Peter 3:15-16 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

*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.*

## **7. \_\_\_\_\_ to build up the body of Christ.**

- *Romans 12:4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

**Live a life \_\_\_\_\_ of the calling you have received!**

**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

**Everyone Outreach Witness Idea:** As you live a life worthy of God's calling, what impact do you think that would have on your witness opportunities?

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*7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace & that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8*

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**