

Be The Church

How to Be In Christ - Ephesians 4:1-6

Read & Reflect

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-6; the beginning of the practical instruction for the first half of the letter (ch.1-3),
 - With reference to 4:1 review the calling Christians have according to Paul, specifically from 1:18, 2:19-22, 3:16-19.
2. When you read Paul's description for living out the calling of a Christian (vss. 2 & 3) what's your impression:
 - it's too soft and wimpy
 - it sounds like me
 - that's impossible!
 - that sounds reasonable

Explore

3. Of the four things that Paul instructs in verse 2, which is the most difficult for you, which is the easiest for you:
 - Being humble
 - Being gentle
 - Being patient
 - Forbearing with one another
4. What's the difference between making unity and keeping unity? What's the source of unity? What's the "glue" that holds New Life Church together?
5. In what ways do you enjoy community at New Life Church? Then in what ways do you help to create community at New Life Church?
 - I'm in a Life Group
 - I guard Sunday mornings to be at church
 - New Life is "my family."
 - I am part of the ministry at New Life
6. If verses 4-6 reflect something of a creed by which to live our lives, how well do you think you follow that creed? (In *The Message* verses 4-6 conclude with: "Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness." Hebrews 12:1,2 says: "...let us run with perseverance the race set out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus. . .") Do you have that kind of focus in your life?

Pray

- Pray for some people with whom you can connect later on in the week to encourage them.
- Pray for the board, the elders and deacons and staff of New Life Church as they seek to "keep unity" through their leadership.

