THE UNITY OF THE STRENGTH IN CHRIST
(Ephesians 4:1-6)

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“...walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...”
(Ephesians 4:1b-2, ESV)

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Sermon Outline:

I The Prisoner of the Lord
   A Paul was not ashamed of his bonds in the Lord
      1 (Ephesians 3:1; 4:1)
      2 See Romans 1:16.
   B Theodoret comments: “What the world counted ignominy, he counts the highest honor, and he glories in his bonds for Christ, more than a king in his diadem.”

II The challenge to walk worthy
   A The word walk has to do with your entire life, not just one step.
      1 The word walk occurs seven times in the letter. 2:2, 10; 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15)
   B The walk is to be a worthy one.
   C The walk is done:
      1 With lowliness,
      2 With gentleness,
      3 With longsuffering,
      4 Bear with one another in love.

III The unity of the Spirit
   A The walk is also meet with a determined effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.
   B This unity on the worthy walk is ingrained with peace.
      1 Could this be the peace to which Paul diligently wrote in Philippians 4:7?

IV The seven ones
   A One body. (Ephesians 1:22, 23, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
   B One spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)
   C One hope. (Ephesians 1:18)
   D One Lord. (1 Corinthians 8:5, 6)
   E One faith. (Jude 3)
   F One baptism. (Acts 2:38)
   G One God.
      1 Above all - shows the transcending power of God
      2 Through all - shows the immanence of God
      3 In you all - shows the relationship of you and God

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Personal Notes: