

"MOVE ON" "AS ONE" [EPH 4:1-6]

THE WORD "THEREFORE" (VS 1) "INSISTS" -
"THAT"

I AM TO "APPLY" THE "GREAT TEACHING" -
OF (CH 1-3) -

"THEREFORE"
IS A "CONJUNCTION" WHICH LEADS US
ON "TO LIVE" IN THE LIGHT OF
THE "TEACHING" + "TRUTHS" OF
(CH 1-3) =

THE DANGER HERE:

① TO SPEND ALL OUR EFFORTS ON THE
TEACHING OF THIS GREAT SALVATION
IN (CH 1-3) + STOP THERE -

TO ANALYZE + MAKE CONCLUDING
STATEMENTS - ABOUT THE CONTENT -

"TO!"
"SUCH AN EXTENT" IT BECOMES
~~INTERPRETATION~~ ~~DOCTRINE~~
"DOCTRINEATED" + "DIVISIVE" -

"AND"

- CAN BECOME A SNARE OF THE DEVIL -
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THERE HAVE BEEN - CHURCHES - AND
- DENOMINATIONS - AND - GROUPS - IN
PAST HISTORY - OF THE CHURCH -
"THAT"

HAVE SPENT ALL THEIR TIME - IN -
"DISCUSSING"
+ "ARGUING" - + "EMPHASIZING" -
- CERTAIN DOCTRINES -

FORGET ABOUT THE "UNCONVERTED"
+ MINISTRY - TO THE "POOR" +
- "THOSE IN NEED" -

THE CHURCH - SHOULD BE A -
"HOSPITAL"
FOR THE - "LOST" + "NEEDED" -
"YES"

- WE NEED TO KNOW - WHAT WE
BELIEVE - "WHAT" DOCTRINE OF
SCRIPTURE - "WE ALINE WITH"
"BUT"

NOT TO THE POINT OF DIVIDING -
THE "PEOPLE OF GOD" - (THE
"CHURCH") -

YES, THERE IS A DANGER OF SPENDING
ALL OUR TIME ON THE GREAT DOCTRINES
+ ^{SHORT} STOP THERE "SATISFIED"
"YET"

ANOTHER DANGER:

(2) TO STOP WITH THE "EXPERIENCE"
ONLY -

IN THESE EARLIER CHAPTERS:

THEY (WE) HAVE COME TO KNOW THE LOVE
OF CHRIST - + HAVE EXPERIENCE
IT - IN OUR HEARTS (BORN AGAIN) BY
THE BLOOD + SPIRIT -

THE
MANIFESTATION OF THE LOVE + FULLNESS
OF GOD - FILLING US WITH ~~EMOTIONS~~
EMOTIONS + EXPERIENCES -

+
BECOME SO "MYSTICALLY INCLINED"

"OUR INTEREST" - - -

- IS IN "SEEKING" THESE "EXPERIENCES"
+ MANIFESTATION -

+ TO THE - - -

"NEGLECTING" "THE IMPORTANCE" OF
"SERVICE" + "SERVING" OTHERS
+ "GOD" -

THESE HAVE "STUMBLER" AT THE
WORD - "THEREFORE" - (4:11)
- (THE REST OF THE STORY) -

NOT JUST DOCTRINE - (PAUL AT
MARS HILL) - (ACTS 17)

(I PERCEIVE YE ARE VERY RELIGIOUS)

NOT JUST EXPERIENCE - PETER, JAMES
& JOHN - ON MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION
(MATT 17)

"BUT"

THEREFORE: "MOVE ON" -

NOT PICKING & CHOOSING PORTIONS OF
SCRIPTURE - & NOT JUST
CONSULTING OUR FEELING &
EMOTIONS - "ONLY" "BUT"

BEING LEAD BY THE "HOLY SPIRIT" &
THE SCRIPTURE - "MOVE ON"

TO
THE PRAISE & GLORY OF GOD WITH
THE SACRIFICE OF: "PRAISE" &
"SELF" - TO GOD'S SERVICE -

NOW - PAUL TELLS US HOW:

THE ^(WORK) WALK & SERVICE OF THE BELIEVER -
(4:1 - 5:17) -

① THE POSITION - (PRISONER)
(THE LORD'S PRISONER) "CHAINED" TO
THE - (HEART OF GOD)

PAUL CONSIDERED HIMSELF - "SHUT"
"IN" - "WITH GOD" - (GOVERNED)

② THE PURPOSE - (WALK WORTHY)
- (TO ACT IN HARMONY WITH) OUR ACTIONS
& ASSOCIATION - (AS GOD'S CHILDREN)

OUR
"AIMS" & "IDEALS" - "FULL CHARGED" -
WITH THE "SPIRITUAL VISION" -
- FROM OUR INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

③ THE PRACTICE - (OUR VOCATION)
VOCATION = "OUR CALLING" - IN CHRIST
WHICH ARE:

"THE CALLED ONES" - WHO LIVE THE LIFE
THEY DO - (OUR VOCATION) - BECAUSE:

(WE ARE THE CALLED OUT ONES)
(7 TIMES) ONE

(1 PETER 2:9)

"CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD" — OUT
OF DARKNESS — INTO HIS —
— MARVELLOUS LIGHT —

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE — IS NOT —
SOMETHING WE HAVE DECIDED TO
"TAKE UP" — NOW IT IS

SOMETHING INTO WHICH WE HAVE
— BEEN "CALLED" —

HERE

IF A CHRISTIAN — YOU ARE A —
CALLED ONE — "SO"

"NOW"

→ WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALL —
OR CALLING —

I] BECAUSE OF YOUR UNIQUENESS — (2-3)

"SO"

II] BEING IN UNITY — (4-6)

→ MOVE ON TO SERVE —

I] BECAUSE OF YOUR UNIQUENESS - (2-3)

① OF ITS CHARACTER - "CHRIST" ②
(IT IS A GIVEN)

WE ARE GOING TO BE LIKE CHRIST
FOR ALL ETERNITY - "SO" - WE NEED TO
BEGIN - BEING LIKE HIM - "NOW" -

BEGINNING:

AT HOME - AT SCHOOL - AT WORK
AT PLAY -

IN THE CHURCH !!!

"IN THE COMMUNITY" - WITH EACH OTHER -

OUR LIVES ARE LINKED - TOGETHER :

① WITH LOWLINESS -

REFERS TO: (HUMILITY OF THE MIND)

"THOUGHTS" OF GOD - "HIS WISDOM"
- "HIS LOVE" - "HIS POWER" -
"SHOULD"

-(PUT AN END - TO ALL OUR PRIDE) -
"FOR"

WE ARE "CREATED" IN GOD'S IMAGE -
+ "RESTORED" IN CHRIST - & - MADE
PARTAKERS - OF THE DIVINE NATURE
IN THE HOLY SPIRIT -

— HOW HUMBLEING —

② WITH MEERNESS - (SELF-CONTROL)

→ MEERNESS IS ADMIRER IN HEAVEN -

→ ONLY A STRONG PERSON CAN
DISPLAY COMPLETE SELF-CONTROL

→ RESTRAINT IN PROVOCATION -

③ WITH LONGSUFFERING -

(AN EXPRESSION OF TRUE LOVE)

(I COR 13:4)

LOVE SUFFERS LONG -
AND IS KIND -

④ FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER -

→ LOVES SUPREME EXAMPLE -

IT SEEMS - SOMETIMES - SOME
PEOPLES GOAL - IS TO - DO OR SAY
SOMETHING TO - "IRRITATE" US -

CAN WE - WITH PATIENCE -

LOVE + ENCOURAGE -

"SUCH PEOPLE" - "AS"

"WE OURSELVES" - ARE -

③ UNIQUENESS OF ITS COMMUNITY - ③ (UNITY)

① THE SOURCE - (IN THE SPIRIT)

BEING "SPIRIT" IS (BEING IN UNITY)
IN DIVERSE SITUATIONS -

WE ARE BLESSED WITH "ALL SPIRITUAL
BLESSING" IN CHRIST - "SO" -
"EVERYTHING WE NEED" IS AT OUR
DISPOSAL -

IT IS ALL "IN CHRIST" &
[WE ARE IN HIM - HE IS IN US -
"WE"]

[MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS -
FACT & LIVE IN A MANNER - THAT -
ILLUSTRATES THIS -

② THE STRIVING - (ENDEAVORING) (TO PUT FOR - EVERY EFFORT)

TO

- KEEP THE UNITY - BOND OF PEACE -

[WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DILIGENTLY
+ WITH PURPOSE TAKE EVERY -
PRECAUTION - IN PROMOTING - AND -
MAINTAINING - UNITY - WITH -
- PEACE + LOVE

I] BECAUSE OF OUR UNIQUENESS - (2-3)

II] BECAUSE WE ARE IN UNITY - (4-6)

ILLUSTRATED:

ONE BODY - ONE SPIRIT - ONE HOPE
ONE LORD - ONE FAITH - ONE BAPTISM

ONE GOD & FATHER
OF "ALL"

IN THESE (VS 4-6) "PAUL"
INTRODUCES

THE SUPREME TREATIES WITH
REGARD TO "THE DOCTRINE" OF
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WHICH IS "THE OVERWHELMING"
REASON WE SHOULD "WITH ALL"
"LOWLINESS" AND "MEEKNESS"
WITH "LONGSUFFERING" "FORBEARING"
ONE ANOTHER:

"ENDEAVOUR"
"BE URGENT" ABOUT IT - "KEEP"
THE "UNITY" OF THE SPIRIT "IN"
THE "BOND OF PEACE" -

(A MATTER OF URGENCY)

HERE: WE ARE GIVEN A WONDERFUL
PICTURE -- OF THE CHURCH --
= "UNITY" IN THE SPIRIT --

"NOTICE" -- THE ORDER -- GIVEN:

① HE STARTS WITH -- THE HOLY SPIRIT -- (4)
THE SPIRIT -- IS IN CHARGE OF --
BRINGING US:

INTO -- "ONE BODY" -- (THE PEOPLE
WHO ARE MEMBERS) ARE IN --
"FELLOWSHIP"

OF THE SPIRIT -- AND BECOME A --
"COMMUNITY" OF THE SPIRIT --

HE IS PRESENTING THE --
"ESSENTIAL", "MYSTICAL", "SPIRITUAL"
BODY OF CHRIST --

"ONE BODY" -- IN FELLOWSHIP -- WITH
THE SPIRIT --

THAT IS:

THE CHURCH IS A "COMMUNITY"
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT --

WHICH CAN ONLY EXIST --
BECAUSE OF:

② THE WORK OF THE SON — JESUS CHRIST ⑤

THE CHURCH — IS THE BODY OF
CHRIST — ON EARTH — OF WHICH
CHRIST IS THE HEAD

OUR LORD — (GOD'S SON)

OUR FAITH — IN HIS FINISHED
WORK OF
REDEMPTION

③ THE FATHER — ⑥

THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS
GOD THE FATHER

"SO"

PAUL MOVES FROM — WHERE WE
ARE INDWELD BY THE SPIRIT —
"THROUGH"

THE ONE AND ONLY MEDIATOR —
"TO"

GOD THE FATHER — — —

THIS IS NOT "DRY-AS-DUST"
DOCTRINE — — — THIS IS:

THE SPIRITUAL BODY OF CHRIST — ALIVE & VITAL — FUNCTION:

"THROUGH" ANOINTING OF THE H.S. —
TO

[PRAYER & PRAISE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT
LEADS IS INTO THE "SON" JESUS CHRIST]

"MAKING US SONS" — OF GOD
THE FATHER — AND "SUBJECT" TO
HIS PLAN & LEADERSHIP —

[INTENSIVELY PRACTICAL & EXPERIMENTAL]

[WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE "HOUSEHOLD"
"OF GOD" —]

THE BODY OF CHRIST — THE
CHURCH OF GOD — IN CHRIST —

IF THIS IS A FUNCTIONAL UNITY —
(ONE)

① ONE BODY — ④

[MEN LOOK AT THE CHURCH AND
THEY SEE IT DIVIDED —]

THEY SEE IN ENDLESS "SPLINTERINGS"

THEY SEE THE CHURCH AS "DENOMINATIONS"

SECTS - FACTIONS:

AS

LIBERALS - FUNDAMENTALISTS
CHARISMATICS + CONSERVATIVES

THERE IS - HOWEVER - ONLY
(ONE CHURCH)

WHERE MAN SEES "DISUNITY" - "GOD"
SEES "UNITY"

GOD SEES THE CHURCH COMPOSED OF

MEN, WOMEN, BOYS + GIRLS -

- WHO HAVE BEEN BORN FROM ABOVE -

- THEY ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST -

- THEY HAVE ALL BEEN WASHED FROM
THEIR SINS - IN HIS BLOOD -

- THEY ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST -

SOME
LIVING ON EARTH - AND EVEN

"MORE"
LIVING IN HEAVEN -

"SO"

- LIFE -

UNITES THE BODY OF CHRIST - ALL
WHO ARE SAVED ARE MEMBERS
OF THAT BODY - (SHARE ONE LIFE)

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - THAT IS THE
"UNITY" OF THE CHURCH -

"IF YOU BELONG TO THE BODY" - THAT
LIFE IS THERE

③ ONE SPIRIT - ④

- ALL "SPIRITUAL LIFE" OF CHRIST - IS
"IMPARTED" BY THE HOLY SPIRIT -
"HE"

REGENERATES - INDWELLS -
FILLS - SEALS - * ANNOINTS -
"HE"

DISTINGUISHES THE "GENUINE" -
BELIEVER - FROM THOSE WHO
- MERELY PROFESS - TO BE IN
THE CHURCH (9:18-19)

- THOSE WHO "SHARE" THIS NEW LIFE -
DO SO BECAUSE OF THE INDWELLING
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -

TRUE BELIEVERS -

MAY BE MISINFORMED ABOUT HIM -

OR

WHOLLY IGNORANT OF HOW HE WORKS -

THEY MAY -

GRIEVE HIM - THEY MAY -

SADLY DISTORT - WHAT HE SAYS -

"ABOUT"

HIMSELF & HIS WORK - THEY

MAY GO TO EXCESSES - AN EXTREMES -

"BUT"

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES TO -

ENDWELL THEM & SEAL THEIR

FATE - FOR HEAVEN - AS A

BORN AGAIN - CHILD OF GOD -

THERE IS:

ONLY ONE SPIRIT - WHO IMPARTS

LIFE - WHICH IS SHARED BY -

"ALL"

THE MEMBERS OF - THE MYSTICAL

"SPIRITUAL" - BODY OF CHRIST

(ROM 8:9)

IF NO SPIRIT, NOT HIS -

IF YOU HAVE SPIRIT, YOU ARE HIS -

FOREVER. <

③ ONE HOPE OF HIS CALLING - ④

ALL BELIEVERS - HAVE A COMMON HOPE:

- THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST -

THEY

MAY BE DOCTRINALLY DIVIDED AS TO WHEN HE WILL COME - "BUT"

"ALL"

BELIEVE & AGREE - HE WILL COME -

④ ONE LORD - ⑤ (ROM 10: 9-10)

"I AM SAVED" - THIS IS THE COMMON CONFESS - OF THE "REDEEMED"

"WE"

MAY HOLD TO "DIFFERENT CONVICTIONS"

"BUT"

"WE HAVE ONLY ONE - CONFESSIO"

- JESUS IS LORD -

⑤ ONE FAITH - ⑥

(JUDE 3) SPEAKS OF "THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS"

- (THE FOUNDATIONAL STONE)

= FAITH IN THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE -
ONE FAITH:

CHRIST IS THE "SON" OF GOD
ETERNAL, UNCREATED, SELF-EXISTING,
HOLY, LOVING, TRUE SAVIOUR
OF THE WORLD - (LOST MANKIND) -

"NO OTHER NAME" CAN BRING SALVATION

(F) ONE BAPTISM - (5)

BAPTISED IN CHRIST - HIS DEATH
BURIAL & RESURRECTION -

SEPARATING -

- BELIEVERS FROM THE WORLD -

"FUNCTIONAL" UNITY -
II] IT IS A FAMILY UNITY - (6) (ALL)

THE LORDS (MODEL PRAYER)

"OUR FATHER"

THE LORDS (PERSONAL PRAYER) JOHN 17

THEY MAY BE ONE - AS WE ARE
ONE -

JESUS SAID: "WAIT" ~ FOR THE PROMISE
OF THE FATHER" ~ (ACTS 1:4)

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS:

(A) ABSOLUTE, IN HIS POWER -
"ABOVE ALL" (6)

NO POWER ~ IN HEAVEN ~ IN EARTH ~
OR HELL --

CAN TRIUMPH OVER HIM -

(ABOVE ALL)

(B) ABSORBED, IN HIS PURPOSE - (6)
(GOD & FATHER OF ALL)

(TO ESTABLISH A PEOPLE ~ TO BE HIS
FOR ETERNITY ~ THE CHURCH)

& ~ HE WILL NOT STOP SHORT --

(C) ABIDING, IN HIS PRESENCE - (6)

"OUR GOD & FATHER OF ALL" --

"WHO IS" ~ (IN YOU ALL) ~ (AMEN)

"NEVER TO LEAVE" ~ "BEYOND"

ALL DOUBT --