

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 5/3/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

TITLE: "THE CHURCH IN SHOES"

INTRO:

1. The HINGE/from theological doctrine to practical function.
2. [Ephesians 1-3](#): ADOPTION-God's children, HOPE of inheritance, CHRIST'S glorious rule in heaven, GOD'S lavish _____ on earth, UNITY with God and believers, and the PRIVILEGE of incomparable love.
3. Walking starts one _____ at a time...

PROPOSITION: The believer's walk (life) must reflect his/her profession of faith.

I. THE GRACE OF UNITY, [Ephesians 4:1-3](#).

A. Paul's Plea, *verse 1*.

1. "Therefore/beseech you"-
2. "Walk worthy"-righteous _____ commanded.
Cf. [John 17:20-23](#).

B. God's Principles, *verses 2, 3*.

1. Live out _____/lowliness-
2. Live out gentleness/meekness, cf. [Matthew 11:28-30](#).
3. Live out _____/long-suffering-
4. Live out tolerance, "bearing with one another in love"-
5. Spirit unity in God's peace-

II. THE GROUND OF UNITY, [Ephesians 4:4-6](#).

*Ground=foundation, basis.

A. One Body.

1. Universal church/local church...
2. From Pentecost to Rapture.

- B. One Spirit.
 - 1. From conviction to conversion.
 - 2. Common principle of salvation/The Spirit _____
the body-
- C. One Hope Of Calling.
 - 1. Assurance/Righteousness of Christ on us.
 - 2. Guarantee, cf. [Ephesians 1:13, 14](#).
 - 3. Future glory, cf. [Revelation 21:3-8](#).
- D. One Lord.
 - 1. High _____ of His blood.
 - 2. Lordship/Sovereignty...
- E. One Faith.
 - 1. Delivered to the saints/Jude.
 - 2. Practice/living it out subjectively-What does that mean?
- F. One Baptism.
 - 1. Spirit or _____ baptism?
 - 2. Identification to encourage unity/unique symbol...
- G. One God And Father Of All.
 - 1. Who is "All"?
 - 2. Believers: _____ worthy in unity! Why was Paul concerned? Cf. [Romans 16:17-20](#). A balance of doctrine and practice makes the church "right".

CONCLUSION:

- 1. What does my speech reveal about me?
- 2. Do I exhibit an attitude of humility?
- 3. Am I gentle in my treatment of others?
- 4. Is my attitude truly patient toward others?
- 5. Are my actions tolerant toward other believers, giving them freedom and space to try, fail, and grow?
- 6. What has the Holy Spirit revealed to me today about my contribution to peace and unity in the church? Cf. [James 3:13-18](#).