

Responsibility To A Local Church (4)

- Ephesians 4:1-6 -

- A. **Ephesians 4:4-6** is the “common ground” for believers who are united by Jesus Christ (**Jn 17:20,21**).
- B. There is one revelation which unites the saved in the church, the one body (**1 Cor 2:10,11; 12:12,13, 24,25**)
- C. **Ephesians 2:11-22** explains how we became united in Christ.
- D. Therefore, in Christ we have a responsibility in **Eph 4:1-3...**

1. **Our Purpose:** “ _____ ”

- A. _____ means “uphold, preserve, continue, sustain, take care, give earnest attention” to what has already been established...
- B. _____ means “guard, to observe, hold, reserve...”
- C. A Christian is responsible to keep the unity that has been established from being broken or disappearing. Therefore, there is no reason for division...
- D. Unity is not automatic, which is implied in “*giving diligence*”
- E. Have **YOU** kept this unity with the brethren whom you know and worship with regularly?? (**Rom 12:18**)... Our desire for this church should be Unity not Uniformity!!
- F. Notice what happened at Corinth in **1 Cor 1 – 3**. What is the command of the Lord (**1 Cor 1:10**)?
 - 1. Unity is _____
 - 2. Unity is _____
 - 3. Unity is _____ and _____
 - 4. “let the _____ of Christ rule in your heart” (**Col 3:15**)

2. _____ for _____ to _____ (**Eph 4:1,2**)

- A. The following attitudes are required of all those called of God. They are not attitudes expected of from some, but of all.
- B. _____ Humble to check his faith by God’s word
- C. _____ Controlling to respond appropriately under any circumstance (**1 Pet 3:15; Gal 6:1,2; Jas 3:13**)
- D. _____ Waiting and helping others serve God...
- E. _____ Not tolerant of sin, but enduring so that righteousness is a pattern of life (**Matthew 7:12; Phil. 4:5**).
- F. Unity cannot be achieved thinking like heathens(**Eph 4:17-19**)