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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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Ephesians 4:1-6

THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHURCH UNITY

Note: There are a few sections where there is some speed distortion, but everything is audible.

2:00 A discussion on the nature of chapters 1-3, and how chapter 4 begins a new focus. Chapters 1-3 focus on explaining the essential Christian doctrinal concepts that form the foundation of Christianity.

3:30 Chapter 4 begins a new focus; the practical outworking of the related doctrines. Relationships.

7:15 Moving from belief to behavior – We have or will be given every spiritual blessing necessary to answer the call of God.

10:25 Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus.... We are to understand that all Christians have a calling if they are in Christ. Finding that calling and fulfilling it starts with willingness to let God have His way with you.

13:30 Ephesians 4:1 ... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received... What portrayal of Christianity are you displaying by your talk and behavior.

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14:30 Humility – is a condition of the mind, based on a mature reflection of ourselves and our expectation of what others should think of us. Are we prideful and striving to be the center of attention? Pride is the opposite of humility and pride produces discord.

18:35 Philippians 2:3-8 Christ's attitude about his calling and status should be our attitude.

21:50 1 Peter 5:5-6 ..Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but gives Grace to the humble..... The Lord may choose to lift you up to a place of prominence at some time, but that is his prerogative, not yours.

25:00 You are to be a servant of Christ. If he chooses to enlarge your sphere of influence he will do so. In the meantime be a servant to those he has given to you already.

31:40 Bearing with one another – God is the example for he is forbearing. He doesn't throw us out of his family as we stumble to maturity. He is patient and we need to be patient as well, with our brothers and sisters.

34:00 Your responsibility is to that over which you have authority. God will determine the boundaries of your authority.

37:00 When you come to Christ it is not just you and Him, you come into a large family with much diversity.

42:00 The style of worship is far less important than the motivation for worship. One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. To each of us Grace has been given as Christ has apportioned it.

Eph. 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Heb. 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Phil. 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Phil. 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Phil. 2:6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7 but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

Phil. 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

1Pet. 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.