

Ephesians: From Death to Life
Keeping the Unity of the Spirit
Ephesians 4:1-6

Have you ever felt like an outsider? Have you ever entered a room and realized that you don't belong? A little less obvious to us are those times when we are in the "in" crowd and we make someone else feel like they don't belong. Human nature groups us according to what we see on the outside. God, however, groups us according to what is on the inside.

1. We are united by divine calling.
2. We are united by Christlike conduct.
3. We are united by gospel confession.

We are uniquely called but united together.

God has created us with unique gifts and talents. In our diversity, God uses us for His glory. Sometimes the church gets so focused on getting everyone to fit in with us that we forget that our purpose is to help people fit in with Jesus. God is glorified in our uniqueness and the gospel is advanced in our unity.

Reflection

Read Ephesians chapter 4 and then consider these questions:

What does "calling" mean to you? Why does Paul insist on humility in following God's calling? How can we stay united when uniquely called? Why is jealousy and envy dangerous? What is the difference between unity and acting alike? How do we make allowances for other people's faults? What are some things we can do this week to advance the gospel in unity?