

# *Ephesians*

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<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

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<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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**He wants them (us...) to walk (live our lives) in a manner worthy of your calling!**

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**This refers to a believer being chosen by God, before creation, to trust in Jesus alone.**

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**Maybe gentle reminder that living for Christ can be hard. Not health, wealth, happiness!**

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**It is the hallmark of a Christian. Like Christ, gentle, humble, patient, loving one another.**

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**It's more important to be at peace with others than “to be right”! Gentle, peaceful!!**

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**There is (only) ONE body and ONE Spirit. Just as you were called to ONE hope. Unity!!**

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