

BLUEPRINT

LIFE NOTES

Ephesians 4:1-6

November 5, 2017

TEXT

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.

QUESTIONS

1. If you were trying to apply/obey this passage, and you were asked by a child "Why?", how would you describe to them the reason for your actions? What in Ephesians chapters 1 to 3 might be helpful to tell the story of why we obey?

2. Since Ephesians 2 has taught us that we are not saved by works, what things can we do to keep us from sliding into a mindset of 'obeying for God's credit'. How would you catch this in your own life? What are the things in your life or in the church that help remind you of the Biblical motivation for obedience? And what can make it hard?

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Take time to pray for a believer you know from another church tradition - and see if you can think of one way to encourage them or remind them that you regard them as a brother or sister in Christ. (Even if . . . especially if . . . you once were a part of that same local fellowship!)