

## August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Summer Bible Study (Pentecost 10)

**Sermon:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

*As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. <sup>2</sup>Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. <sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. <sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. <sup>11</sup>He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.*

**Theme: Out of Many, One**

**Link to Audio Sermon:**

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**Sermon Study Guide**

**Ephesians Summary**

**“PRAISE GOD! WE ARE HIS CHURCH!”**

Greeting (1:1-2)

I. The Church praises God for what He has done.

- A. Praise God for electing his church (1:3-14)
- B. Praise God for bringing us into his church (1:15 – 2:10)
- C. Praise God for including the Gentiles in his Church (2:11-13)
- D. Praise God for Paul's ministry to the Gentiles (3:1-21)

II. The Church praises God by what it does

- A. The Church practices its unity in Christ (4:1-16)
- B. The Church lives as children of God (4:17 – 6:9)
- C. The Church takes its stand with the armor of God (6:10-18)

Conclusion: Prayers and Greetings (6:19-24)

**Sermon Study Guide**

***Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.***

**1. What does Paul say that we have received from God? What are we to do because of this?**

- 2. We have been given something very precious from God. What precious thing do we, as the church, possess?**
  
- 3. Even though we are all different, with varying gifts and abilities, we are all still to work for one common goal. What is that goal?**
  
- 4. Paul describes the church as a body. Who is the head of that body? What does that mean as far as our gifts and abilities go? How are we to use them?**