

## Ephesians Ephesians 4:1-6

### Definition of a worthy life

We're called to live a life worthy of what God has done for us.

- Ephesians 4:1 ( think scales balancing as a result of our love for God not our obligation to God)

We're not saved by our good works but we're saved to do good works for His glory and out of response to His love for us.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

A worthy life is one that: "exhibits godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behavior – a life that expresses gratitude to God for your salvation." – Ephesians 4:1b, Amplified Bible

Paul urges us to live this worthy life as a living sacrifice of worship.

- Romans 12:1 In view of His mercy. Offer yourself as a \_\_\_\_\_

Living a worthy life for God is a privilege, not an obligation or debt.

### Qualities of a worthy life

A worthy life is humble, gentle, patient, and loving.

- Ephesians 4:2-3

Humble people think no less of themselves but, instead, think of themselves less often than they think of others.

Gentleness, or meekness, is power under authority.

Jesus is the perfect example of humility and gentleness.

- Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus describes Himself
- Philippians 2:5-8 It takes humility to be obedient

Patience is trusting in the purpose and timing of God.

Love is the motivation and the foundation for the worthy life.

### The fruit of a worthy life

The Holy Spirit is our source of unity.

- Ephesians 4:3

Unity gives God Glory.

- Romans 15:6

Unity does not mean uniformity.

- "Then we'll be a choir - not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!" – Romans 15:6, Amplified Bible

God doesn't want us to compromise His truth in the name of unity.

Pride leads to division and hurts the body of Christ.

**In what area do you feel your way is the right way?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have church hurt?** \_\_\_\_\_

Do I need to humble myself and be obedient like Jesus in what area?

God's Addition: 1+1+1+1+1+1+1= \_\_\_\_

- Ephesians 4:4-6

### Action Steps

- Ask God to show you if you have hurt someone in the body of Christ and, if so, seek their forgiveness.
- Pray that the leaders of HCC will live and lead in a way worthy of God's calling.
- Invite someone to join us next week.
- Do your weekly devotion over today's sermon and read Ephesians 4 for next week.

### Action

#### **Ephesians 4:1**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.