

Ephesians 4:1-6

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

In chapters 1-3 we are told, “You are a child of God.” Now in chapter 4 we hear, “Act like one.”

<b>Our Wealth (ch 1-3)</b>	<b>Our Walk (ch 4-5)</b>
Called to belong (ch 1)	Walk worthy of your calling (4:1)
Raised from the dead (2:1–10)	Take off grave clothes (4:17); walk in grace clothes
Reconciled (2:11–22)	Walk in harmony (5:18–6:9)
Christ’s victory over Satan (ch 3)	Walk in victory (6:10–24)

4:1 Just as no one can be saved apart from receiving Jesus, no one can measure up to the maturity of Jesus without the work of God in his/her life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

4:1 Our heavenly calling (salvation) is the basis for our earthly conduct (sanctification).

4:2-3 Five Characteristics of Your Walk:

1. Humility—This is a quality highly sought, but never claimed...once I claim it, I forfeit it.
2. Gentleness—Humility produces gentleness, which is power under control.
3. Patience—This trait means waiting for God to act when, where, and how He chooses.
4. Forbearing Love—This kind of love takes abuse from others while continuing to love them.
5. Unity—The ultimate outcome of humility, gentleness, patience, and forbearance is unity, which can only be created by the Holy Spirit.

What does God expect of me?

He expects His standards to become our standards; His purposes our purposes; His desires our desires; His nature our nature.

Your walk is simply the process of becoming what you *are*.

**GREEK WORDS**

Axios (ax-ee'-oce)—[worthy] - root meaning/balancing scales

Tapeinos (tap-i-nos')—[humble] – literal; of low degree (estate)

Tapeinophrosunē—[humility] to think with lowliness, or of low degree

Praotēs—that which is self-controlled, the opposite of vindictiveness

Makrothymia—[patience] literal long-tempered; translated longsuffering :- person who endures negative circumstances

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