

"The Church Is A Body – Part 2"

Ephesians 4:1-16 October 17, 2021

Ephesians follows a pattern Paul shows in several of his letters. What is it?

When Paul compared the church to a body in chapter 2, his point was to talk about the diversity of the church. Now as he returns to this metaphor in chapter 4, what's his theme?

3 Ways To Show Unity In The Church

Vss.1-6: Behaviors That Promote Unity

- 1. Imagine Paul wanting to go to church with you this morning...
- 2. "I'm a prisoner of the Lord." What's significant about these words?
- 3. What other behaviors does Paul list here?

Vss.7-13: We Are To Show Unity In Our Service To Christ

- 4. Holy guacamole! What are vss. 7-10 about?
- 5. What are leaders called to do in the church? And not do?
- 6. How do I discover how God wants me to serve? Two ideas:

Vss.14-16: We Are To Show Unity By Growing In Our Doctrine And Knowledge Of The Faith

- 7. What's the difference between non-negotiable, 'hills to die on' doctrines, and others where there is room to disagree?
- 8. Why has the church divided up into so many conferences, denominations and groups?
- 9. How are we to conduct ourselves in these conversations? What will we experience if we find unity? What will we experience if we don't?