

## 11—The Peace Principle

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### INTRO:

#### I. → **Ephesians 4:1-6**

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. With complete humility and gentleness; with patience, bearing with one another in love; making 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; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

### BODY:

#### I. **The Life of Worthiness**

*I urge you to live a life **worthy** of the calling you have received.*

Grk (*axíós*) axiomatic, congruent, befitting

A. There is a life that only comes by walking in the Spirit.

##### 1) **Galatians 5:24-25**

*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

##### 2) **MARCHING IN RANK**

B. Our goal is not legalism, but fullness of life.

##### 1) **Titus 2:11-13**

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

##### 2) **RUINED FOR THE WORLD, ALIVE TO CHRIST**

## II. The Spirit of Oneness

Grk (*henótes*) oneness, unity

A. It takes a lot of grace to walk together in unity.

1) **Colossians 3:13-14**

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

2) Ways to Solve Conflict:

- a) Attack—release of emotion—lasting wounds
- b) Run—avoid unpleasantness—repeats the pattern
- c) Backbite—gratifies the flesh—separates friends
- d) Community—risky and hard—healing and growth

B. The Holy Spirit is always drawing us together as one.

1) **1 Corinthians 1:10**

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

2) **INDIVIDUALISTIC CHRISTIANITY**

## III. The Bond of Peace

Grk (*súndesmos*) joint tie, common bond, uniting principle

A. Peace does not just happen without an investment.

1) **2 Corinthians 13:11**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! **Strive** for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and **peace** will be with you.*

2) **MOLLY MAKING SCHEDULE FOR OUR VACATION**

B. It is that principle that binds us together for the long haul.

1) **Romans 14:17-18**

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, **peace** and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

2) **FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC**

### **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Psalms 133

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

John 17:22-23

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1 Thessalonians 5:13-14

Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Hebrews 12:14-15

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.