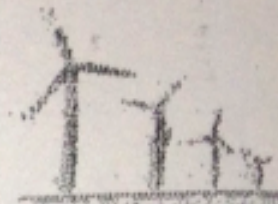


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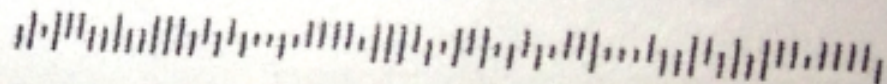


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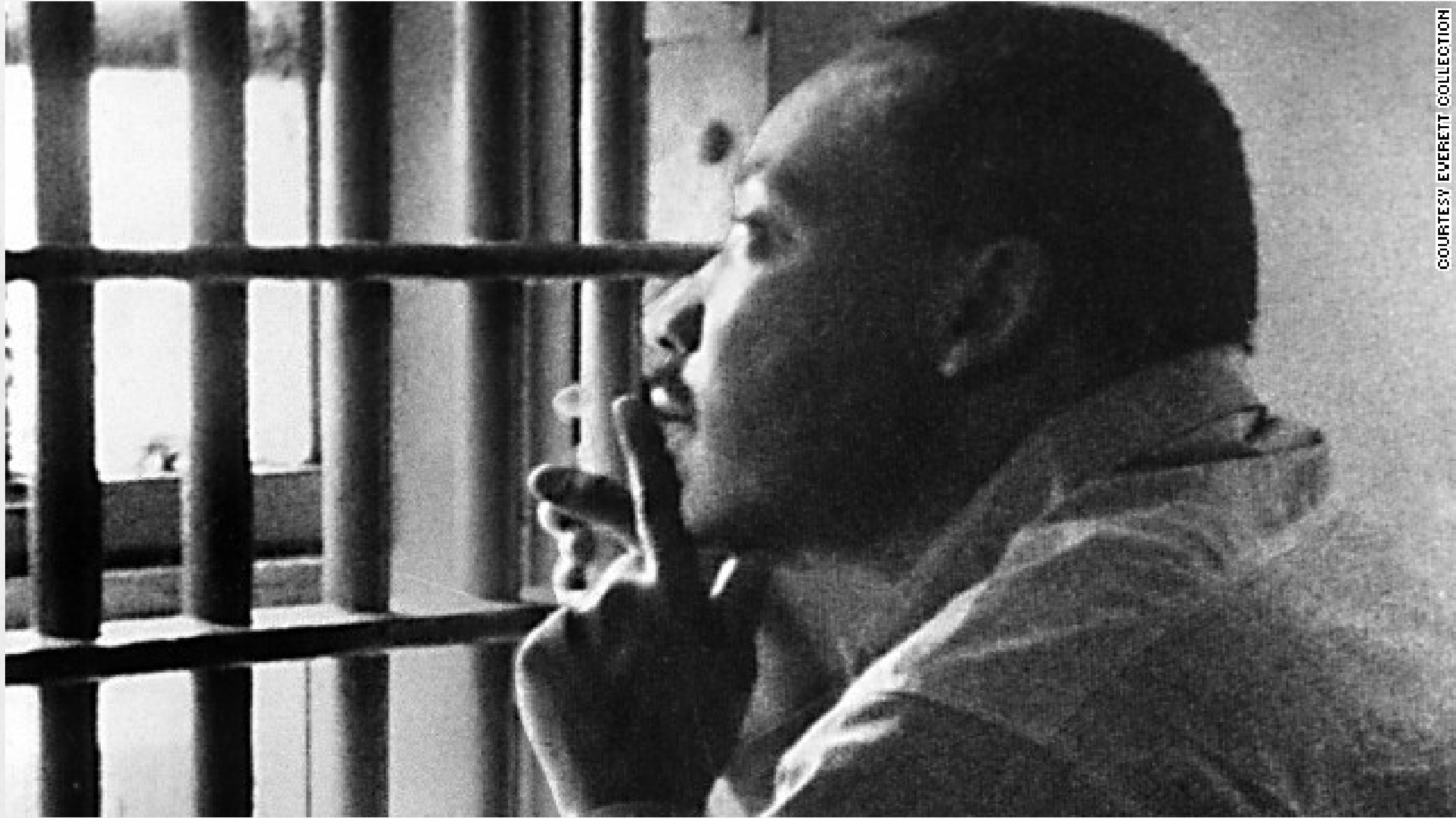
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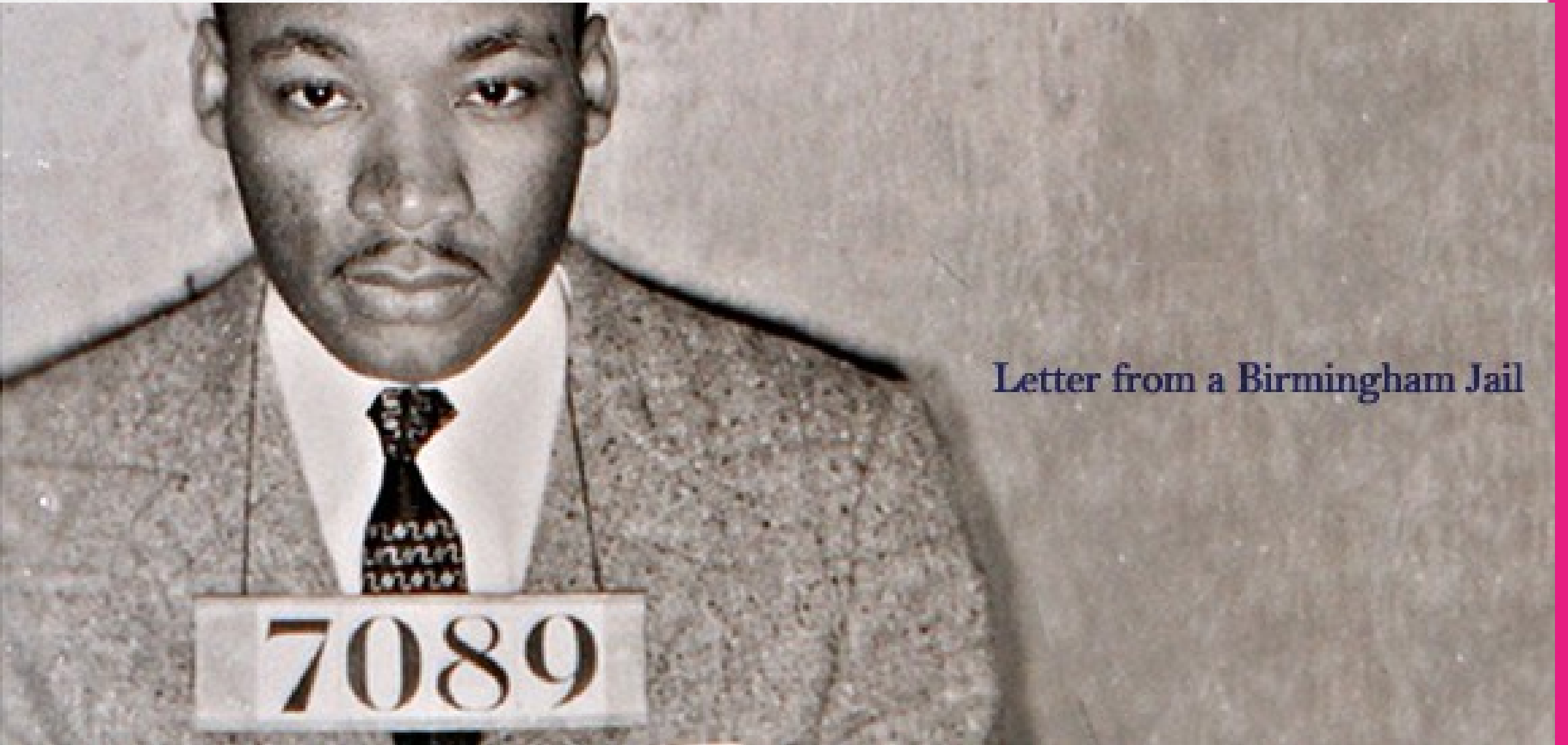
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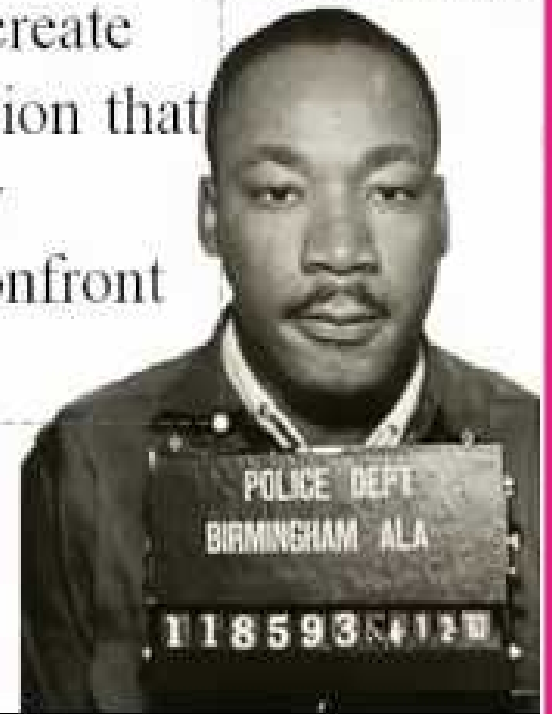
LETTER
FROM
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by
Martin Luther King, Jr.

“You may well ask: “Why direct action? Why **sit-ins**, marches and so forth? Isn't negotiation a better path?” You are quite right in calling, for negotiation. Indeed, this is the very purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue.”

From Letter from Birmingham Jail

Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.





**SOMETHING
TO
GIVE**

**STUDIES IN
EPHESIANS**



ALL GOD HAS GIVEN US!

- God has given every believer an amazing array of ‘spiritual blessings’ that result in praise to God for His grace because we are ‘in Christ’. (Chapter One)
- God predestined his ‘elect’ to redemption and holiness in Christ according to the free counsel of his will. (Chapter One)

Source: ESV Study Bible

ALL GOD HAS GIVEN US!

- All people are by nature spiritually dead, transgressors of God's law, and under the rule of Satan. (Chapter Two)
- God's rich mercy in Christ has saved sinners; this free gift is by grace through faith alone. (Chapter Two)

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ALL GOD HAS GIVEN US!

- Christ's earthly work of redemption was part of his cosmic reconciliation and exaltation in this age and the next. (Chapter Two)
- Christ's reconciliation entails uniting all people, whether Jew or Gentile, into his one body, the church, as a new creation. (Chapter Three)

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ALL GOD HAS GIVEN US!

- As we come to God in prayer, focus not on our present circumstances (health, happiness, success), but on...
 - + Christ's power made available to us;
 - + The rich inheritance/future that awaits us;
 - + Experiencing the full extent of God's love and Christ's presence in our lives today!

Turning Point in Ephesians

In Chapters 1-3

- Who We Are
- Wealth of Believer
- Our Riches
- Our Doctrine/Creed
- New Society

In Chapters 4-6

- How We Are to Live
- Walk of Believer
- Our Responsibilities
- Our Duty/Conduct
- New Standards

+ Paul uses same approach in Romans, Colossians

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

“How Do We Live as Spiritually Blessed People?”



I. Paul's Call to Worthy Living – v. 1

*I therefore, a prisoner
for the Lord, urge you
to **walk in a manner
worthy of the calling to
which you have been
called...***

Apostle Paul – Eph. 4:1 ESV



I. Paul's Call to Worthy Living

Four Key Observations- v. 1

1. *"I therefore..."* – Points back to the entire first part of Ephesians – *"In light of these truths, here's how to live..."*
2. Paul points to his life & ministry as an example of worthy living -- *"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, I urge you..."* – Points back to 3:1, 13; also 2 Tim 1:8/Philemon 1:1,9

I. Paul's Call to Worthy Living

3. Note the passion of his appeal-

- *"I urge you to live/walk..."* – NIV/ESV
- *"I implore you to walk..."* NASB
- *"I beg you to lead a life..."* - NLT

4. Key Command- Live Up to Your High Calling

"I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called..." – v.1b

Three Key Components to This Command

“walk” - how you live, your conduct, manner of life - See also Ephesians 4:17; 5:2, 8, 15

“worthy” – suitable, appropriate to who you are
See also Philippians 1:27 and Colossians 1:10

“calling” – *our new, lofty status as God’s children*
The way we live is to match our high calling in Christ!

II. What 'Worthy Living' Looks Like- vv. 2-3

- The rest of Paul's letter spells out how to live out our high calling as followers of Christ

Similar to Romans 12:3-8; Col. 3:12-15; Titus 2:7-8; 3:8

- But Paul begins this section of his letter by noting **5 characteristics of worthy living- vv. 2-3**

II. Paul's Description of Worthy Living – vv. 2-3

*Five Characteristics
of the Spiritually
Blessed*



Characteristic #1 : Humility

+ “Be *completely humble...*” – Ephesians 4:2 NIV

+ “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...” – Romans 12:3

+ Word means “**to think or judge with lowliness**”

+ Reflects the character of Christ- Matthew 11:29

“Take my yoke...I am gentle & humble in heart”

Characteristic #2 : Gentleness/Meekness

*“With all humility and **gentleness**” – Eph. 4:2*

*“Therefore, as God's chosen people... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, **gentleness** and patience.”-Colossians 3:12*

+ Word was used in reference with training wild horses- means *“power/strength under control”* →
Strength under God's control

Characteristic #3 : Patience

“Be patient with each other” – Ephesians 4:2 NLT

“Therefore, as God's chosen people... clothe yourselves with...patience.”- Colossians 3:12

+ Literally *“long-tempered”* - one who endures negative circumstances and never gives in to them- but trusts God’s plan for their lives is for their good.

Characteristic #4: Forbearing Love/Endurance

“...bearing with one another in love” – Eph. 4:2

“...love covers a multitude of sins.”-1 Peter 4:8

+ Literally – *“to put up with one another in love”*

+ Forbearing love takes abuse from others while continuing to love them with the love God supplies

Characteristic #5: Unifier/Peacemaker

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” – Eph. 4:3 NIV

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit...” (ESV)

+ **Not** a call for Church organizational unity –

“keep/maintain”-not create (see 1 Cor 12:13)

+ **Actively seeking** to recognize and safeguard our spiritual unity in Christ (see Rom 12:18; 14:19)

Why does Paul see this as important?

III. The Triune God Has Made Us One - vv. 4-6

*The Unity of the
Spiritually Blessed*



The Triune God Helps Us 'Live United'

A. The Work of the Holy Spirit- v. 4

"There is one body and one Spirit" – Eph. 4:4

+ "*one body*"- Places us into the body of Christ

+ "*one Spirit*"- The Holy Spirit we all share in as believers – 1 Corinthians 12:13

"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and all were made to drink of one Spirit."

The Triune God Helps Us 'Live United'

B. The Work of the Son-the Lord Jesus- v. 4b-5,7

"...you were called to one hope...—one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." - Ephesians 4:4b-5

+ "*one body*"- Universal body of Christ

+ "*one hope*"- Heaven; Christ's return, Eternity

+ "*one Lord*"- Christ is Lord of all-confession of Christ-followers for over 2,000 years.

The Triune God Helps Us 'Live United'

B. The Work of the Son-the Lord Jesus- v. 4b-5,7

+ *“one faith”*- All are saved by faith in Christ

All believers hold to one truth-Jude 1:3

+ *“one baptism”*- into Body of Christ-1 Cor. 12:13

+ *“grace given to each one of us”* – spiritual gifts

The Triune God Helps Us 'Live United'

C. The Work of God the Father- v. 6

"...one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." – Ephesians 4:6

+ *"one God"*- One True God – Deut. 6:4-5

+ *"one Father of all"*- We share in the same spiritual Father—who is Lord of All!

The Basis for Our Unity –All we share together as sons & daughters of the Living God!

“How Do We Live as Spiritually Blessed People?”



The Challenge for Our Day / Application

1. Remember the high calling God has placed upon my life—and seek to live as a follower of Jesus

Christ. -*“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received...”*

+Remember who you are...and who you represent!

+ How we live reflects on our Lord & Savior – Act accordingly – Titus 2:10

The Challenge for Our Day / Application

2. Purpose in your heart—and practice by your actions—a commitment to the unity of believers around our shared faith in Christ. We're family!

- + Actively seek to safeguard the unity of our church – in my actions, words & prayers!
- + Participate in activities that communicate to our world the spiritual unity of the Body of Christ.

The Challenge for Our Day / Application

3. Ask God daily for the grace and power to live each day so as to enhance the reputation of Christ—and draw others into the family of God through the Gospel.

*“..those who have believed in God may be careful to **devote themselves to good works...**”* – Titus 3:8

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to **the power at work within us**,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* – Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV