***SERMON NOTES***

**The Gospel Made Visible**

**A Sermon Series on The Church & Meaningful Church Membership**

**“Membership Roles: Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit”**

**Ephesians 4: 1-6**

**There is a call for every believer - every member of a local church - to be eager maintain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within the church.**

**Amongst God’s people there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be discord, dissent, conflict, disarray, or division. Rather there should be agreement, harmony, accord, oneness, and unity.**

**Members of the church must work to ensure that no root of bitterness springs up in the body. Members are to eagerly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unity and peace.**

**The believer’s calling by God was all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8).**

**In Ephesians 4:1, the Word of God by the Holy Spirit urges Christians to pursue unity with one another based on their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (“the calling by which you have been called”).**

**Walking in a manner worthy of our calling first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the context of a local church - with other believers.**

**Humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing in love is how the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to relate to one another.**

**The mark and aim for the follower of Christ is to be a person of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Gentleness is strength under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The word for love in Ephesians 4:2 is “agape” which is defined as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ love.**

**When disagreement happens, the Word of God calls believers to patience and to bear with one another in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The heavy and high calling that members have in the church is to maintain the unity and peace that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has secured.**

**Christians must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - willing to struggle and sacrifice - in order to maintain of unity and peace in the church.**

**Christians are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body redeemed by Christ and united in him.**

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| **unity & peace** | **not** | **maintain**  | **grace** | **salvation** | **begins** | **church** | **humility & gentleness** |
| **control** | **unconditional** | **love** | **Christ** | **eager** | **one** |