

## Ephesians 4:1-6



### Part 2: WALKING

## YES, NO & MAYBE

1. I have often asked myself if I am being too gentle during times of interpersonal conflict.
2. Other people describe me as a VERY tolerant person.
3. I know what my calling is, & I'm living up to it.
4. There is more than one type of baptism.
5. God works through everyone and everything.

## DIG DEEPER

« Paul begins chapter 4 with “Therefore...”. What do you remember him saying in previous verses or chapters that is laying the groundwork for this discussion?

› **READ Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)**

*Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*

» What have Paul's readers been called to?

› **READ Ephesians 4:2,3 (NLT)**

*2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.*

» We are encouraged to “make every effort” to keep united – where are we to focus that effort?

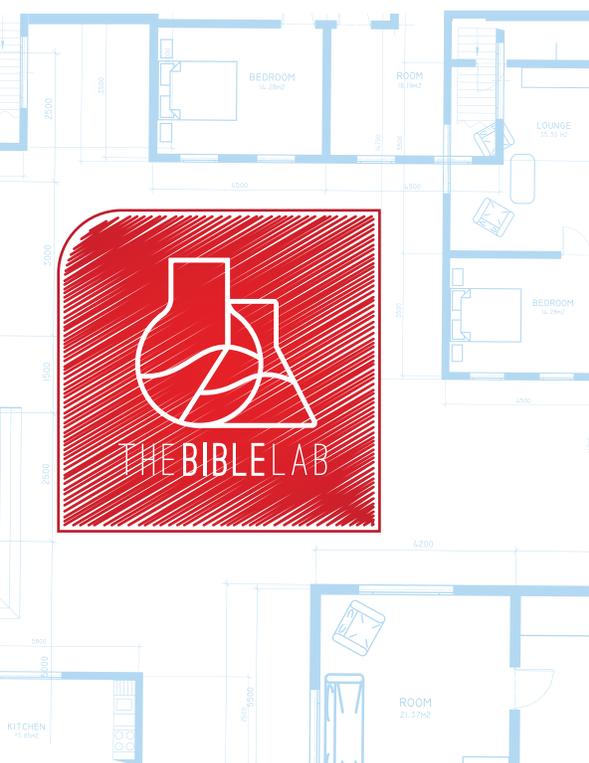
« How are “unity” and “uniformity” different?

« How do you think that would reveal the love of God?

› **READ Ephesians 4:4-6 (NLT)**

*4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.*

» What do you see is the common denominator of these seven “ones”?



# DIG DEEPER...CONTINUED

« How do you think these statements of “Oneness” would have helped Paul’s Gentile readers in their understanding of God?

» In a society that emphasizes individualism and individual rights, do you believe that the Triune God has everything and everyone covered (“over all, in all... through all”)?

« What does this say about the character of the Trinity?



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## MY PRAYER...

1. How am I living a life worthy of my calling?
2. What might be some ways that I can keep myself united in the Spirit, binding together with peace?
3. What new aspect of God’s character does He want me to know?

