

# EPHESIANS: LIVING IN LIGHT OF OUR ETERNAL PORTFOLIO



## Message Application Guide

### APPLICATION

Once a month, the church takes communion. How do you prepare yourself to participate in the Lord's Supper? What is something you do to prepare for communion that you can do to prepare for each day of your walk with Christ?

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Dr. Rydelnik explained that Ephesians chapters 1-3 focuses on our inherited wealth in Jesus Christ. As we turn to chapter 4, we are urgently instructed to use this wealth to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we are called" (Eph. 4:1). How can our walk "be with all humility, and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love"?

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One of the characteristics of a Christian is someone who walks in humility. Dr. Rydelnik described humility or meekness as "strength under control." When someone in the Church has a different view on worship music, a specific piece of doctrine, or of a pastor's preaching style, how can you discuss your differences while maintaining unity of the body?

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Dr. Rydelnik concluded his sermon reminding us that there is "one body and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." Therefore, we are all in one family. Reminding ourselves of the importance of maintaining unity in the Church, Dr. Rydelnik gave us three ways to save this unity:

- Pursue peace
- Practice Acceptance
- If necessary, Leave Graciously

Which one of these practices is God nudging you to take this week? How can we actively pursue peace and practice acceptance in our church and small group?

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**Our elders have asked us to specifically pray the following for Pastor Jeff Bucknam. Please do that now and throughout the next few weeks:**

- 1. To finish well at Northview Community Church, their current ministry.**
- 2. For God to provide courage for their kids, ages 20, 17, and 11.**
- 3. For God to prepare new friends for them and their children.**
- 4. Favor with the US and Canadian authorities.**
- 5. For God's provision of a house they all can agree on.**
- 6. That they would see the Lord's hand and grow deeper in our love for Him because of it all.**