

THEREFORE

A BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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FRAGMENT 1: A WORD OF BACKGROUND

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.
— Ephesians 4:1-6 (Common English Bible)

FOLLOW ALONG:

Watch the first fragment of Steve Manskar's Bible study and fill in the _____.

Rather, it is believed to be a _____ letter that was distributed among several communities.

When Paul starts a paragraph with _____
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Rather, it is about living as people who are _____, _____, AND _____ to live as citizens of God's Kingdom.

N. T. Wright puts it this way: "we are God's _____ we are God's _____ ..."

As Christians, we are meant to be _____

STRETCH IN THE SPIRIT:

Write a poem or create some other work of art, using Ephesians 2:10 and 4:1-6, as a foundation that tells how God is moving in your life and world.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Imagine yourself as God's artwork. What is God creating in you? Imagine yourself as God's poem. What message does God want you to speak into the world?
2. What is one way you can be an active "sign of hope" today?
3. Consider your church's past as a prelude. Now is time for the "therefore." What comes next? What possibilities or new ministries and ways of being are waiting to be claimed?

