

Text: Ephesians 4:1-7
Topics: Christian Life, Relationships with Others
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But He's so Annoying!

Showing tolerance for one another is a grace that should be seen in every Christian.

I. The Compulsion (Ephesians 4:1-7)

Every Christian is to live worthy of their calling.

II. The Character (Ephesians 4:2-7)

There are virtues each believer needs to contribute to the body for it to know the unity of the Spirit.

III. The Capability (Ephesians 4:7)

Our contributions to the body are the result of the grace of God.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. What personality or conduct quirk do you have that is annoying to your family members?

2. In Ephesians 4:1 the reader is urged to live worthy of their calling. What does that mean? See also Phil 1:27; Col 1:10; and 1 Thessalonians 2:12.

3. What is the goal of this walk?

What words does Paul use to describe this walk in Ephesians 4:2-3? Give your brief definition of each word.

4. Showing tolerance, or bearing with, is our "one another" this week. Why is this virtue important to the body of Christ?

What personality idiosyncrasies in others are especially challenging for you to tolerate?

Do you think the other virtues in verses 2-3 affect having tolerance? Explain.

5. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What parallels do you see to Ephesians 4:1-7?

Do you see anything that adds to your understanding of a worthy, tolerant, walk? Explain.

6. What might be examples of situations when showing tolerance is not the right response?

7. Explain how the Lord helps us be more tolerant people?