

Step by Step in Unity

Ephesians 4:1-16

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The current world record for the _____ broad jump is _____ ft 2 3/4 in, set by Byron Jones in 2015; while the _____ long jump record of _____ ft 4 1/4 in. was set by Mike Powell in 1991. Track and field competition is a _____ of how some Christians view the believer's spiritual journey, by _____ and bounds. However, God pictures it as step by _____ maturity toward spiritual unity.

A. Unity in Relation to Believers (4:1-6)

1. Key _____
 - a. "Therefore" – in view of the _____ revealed and new life given
 - b. "Walk worthy" – indicates _____ activity, advancing step by step
 - c. "Vocation" – _____ occupation; but the _____ for our life, our "calling"
2. Necessary _____
 - a. Lowliness – the opposite of _____ and self-exaltation; a spirit of humility
 - b. Meekness – not _____ or cowardliness, but suppression of self for the purpose of _____; gentleness
 - c. Long-suffering – the opposite of _____-tempered. This quality enables us to endure wrong without _____.
 - d. Forbearing – _____ under provocation (putting up with one another)
 - e. Love – bears and _____ all things (1 Cor. 13:7)

3. _____
 - a. Endeavoring – to do your best with persistent _____ and fixed determination. It combines the ideas of haste, _____, and zeal.
 - b. Keep – not produce, because it _____ exists
 - c. Bond of peace – with God and one another
4. _____ of this unity
 - a. One _____ – Christ's body
 - b. One _____ – the Holy Spirit (received at salvation)
 - c. One _____ – eternal life
 - d. One _____ – the triune God
 - e. One _____ – not a creed, but a _____ commitment to Christ
 - f. One _____ – placed by the Holy Spirit into Christ's body
 - g. One God and _____ – the Heavenly Father

B. _____ by Jesus Christ (4:7-16)

1. His _____ to believers
 - a. _____ they were given – after His ascension
 - b. _____ they were
 - (1). _____
 - (2). _____
 - (3). _____
 - (4). _____ and teachers
2. His _____ for believers
 - a. That they _____ God's grace
 - b. That they be _____
 - c. That they be _____
 - d. That they be _____
 - e. That they _____ one another up in love