

Ephesians 4:1-16 - Good Works God Prepared - How To Be United

A life worthy of your calling...

- Paul finally gets onto the 'practical stuff'.
- Connecting the two halves of Ephesians... the letter helps us understand why Christians do what we do.
- Not 'first God forgave, and now we work', but 'God gave us a new identity... so let's live in it'
- Chapters 4-6 describe the life of faith that is the outworking of the content of our faith.
- The Christian life is about real unity, not politeness

God gives gifts for his church

- First he gives "apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers" (verse 11)
- To equip the people (verse 12)
- So that the 'church' may be built up to maturity (verse 12-16)
- Note that the church here is the 'universal' church, which is expressed in the 'local' church

What this means for us

- What's the point of our faith?
- What's the point of the local church?
- How am I serving to build the church?