



NATIONAL CAPITAL BIBLE CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

NCBC'S ZOOM SESSION WILL SOON BEGIN
WITH THE START OF THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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*"For the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the
Word of God endures forever." Psalm 40:8*

18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. James 1:18

**2¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness
and overflow of wickedness, and receive
with meekness the implanted word, which
is able to save your souls. James 1:21**

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

James 1:23-24

26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless.

James 1:26

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James 2:14

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¹² Blessed is the man who endures **temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the **crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those **who love Him**. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death

James 1:12-15

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James 2:14

1⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

1⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does *it* profit?

1⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:15-17

3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

James 3:1-2

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³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires **James 3:3-4**

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⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire

kindles! ⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

James 3:5-6

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is **tamed** and **has been tamed** by mankind.

⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. *It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

James 3:7-8

**⁹ With it we bless our God and Father,
and with it we curse men, who have
been made in the similitude of
God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed
blessing and cursing. James 3:9-10**

**1¹ Does a spring send forth
fresh water and bitter from the same
opening?**

**1² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives,
or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring
yields both salt water and fresh.**

James 3:11-12

13 Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. James 3:13

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. James 3:14

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.

James 3:15

1⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

James 3:16

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy

James 3:17

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

1. God is the cause of the new birth, for it comes about in the exercise of his will 2, The means of the new birth is expressed by the words word of truth
Through His WILL / His WORD JAMES 1:18

2. Personal preparation is the first thing to do before using the word of God. JAMES 1:21

3. A mirror shows the real YOU. It exposes what you look like, but it cant change you. It won't comb your hair or brush your teeth. JAMES 1:23-24

Salvation

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Justification

Past (Phase 1)

*I Have Been Saved From the
Penalty of Sin*

Free

Christian

Salvation

Sanctification

Present (Phase 2)

*I Am Being Saved From the
Power of Sin*

Costly

Disciple

Salvation

Glorification

Future (Phase 3)

*I Will Be Saved
From the
Presence of Sin*

Face to Face

Glorified Bodies

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do this*, knowing the time, that now *it is high time to awake out of sleep;* for now our salvation *is nearer* than when we *first* believed. Rom.13:11

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 4:1

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4 Where do **wars** and **fights** come from among you? Do *they* not come from your *desires for* **pleasure** that war in your members? James 4:1

ἡδονή hēdonē

**² You lust and do not have. You murder
and covet and cannot obtain. You fight
and war**

James 4:2

³ You ask and do not receive, because you **ask amiss**, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. **ἡδονή hēdonē** James 4:3

κακῶς * kakōs

² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet **you** do not have because **you** do not ask. ³ **You** ask and do not receive, because **you** ask amiss, that **you** may spend *it* on **your** pleasures

James 4:2-3

⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **James 4:4**

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

James 4:5

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

**“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble. James 4:6**

4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Eph 4:1

In chapters of Ephesians 1-3 doctrine of the church and in chapters 4-6 we have the duty of the church (what we are to as a body of believers) Here, Paul begins to press the believers to live out who they are. **But he starts off by reminding that he is a prisoner of the Lord.** Suggesting that **whatever one's condition in life, pleasant or unpleasant, the joy of serving the Lord need not be lost.** That principle is conveyed to us by the word **worthy/deseving**. The believers must conduct themselves in a way that reflects their new status (The called) the word walk carries the idea of lifestyle. Bottom line, we are to walk in a way matching the position we have in Christ.

² with all **lowliness** and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love Eph 4:2

4 CHARACTER TRAITS WORTHY OF THE CALL FROM V.1

1. **LOWLINESS/HUMILITY** It was Jesus Himself who elevated the term to the highest level, describing Himself as gentle and humble in heart (Matthew 11:29). Christianity introduced a revolutionary concept: The greatest manifestation of power was self-sacrifice! John 13:3-5 is an excellent example taken from the conduct of Jesus with respect to washing the disciples' feet. To Paul, the incarnation of Jesus was the supreme lesson in humility (Philippians 2:5-8) **LOWLINESS OF MIND**
HUMILITY OF MIND

2. **GENTLENESS**. This virtue is closely tied to **humility/lowliness**. It incorporates the ideas of good manners and courtesy and alludes to controlled strength; meekness is certainly, not weakness. Jesus described Himself as gentle and humble in heart in Matthew 11:29. This is the most direct description Jesus gives of Himself. It is also ascribed to Him in II Corinthians 10:1. Paul's essential theme in these opening verses of Ephesians 4 is the obligation of the believer to be Christlike. Gentleness is never insubordinate/defiant to God or resentful/bitter toward man.

3. **LONGSUFFERING/Patience** This virtue is manifested by one who is unwilling to avenge wrongs. It is the attitude that makes allowances for failures. II Peter 3:9, 15, and I Peter 3:20 demonstrate that it is the perversity of man that brings out this characteristic in God Himself and is revealed in His postponing of deserved judgment (Romans 2:4)

4. **BEARING WITH** THIS is the natural result of the preceding virtue of patience. The words showing **BEARING MEANS TO put up WITH**. It is an intensely practical word because it is realistic about the makeup of each one of us. We all have faults that others must endure, and this endurance of one another is a godly characteristic. **Each of these four virtues is an aspect of Christian love. The words in love that end verse 2 should be taken in connection with each.**

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3

Diligent/endeavoring/striving suggests two things **First**, it implies difficulty. It is a word frequently used to describe tasks that are difficult to complete.

Second, it implies determination. This word is in the present tense showing it is a never-ending task. This verse assumes that unity among Christians already exists. This was explained in Ephesians 2:13-18. showing that we are bound to Christ and to one another which is why Paul urges us to exert great effort to and be bound in practice application of (which is highlighted in chapter 1-3/doctrine of church) . The church at Corinthian church lacked this practical unity I Corinthians 3:1-5 DID YOU NOTICE THAT PAUL COMMANDS US TO KEEP THE UNITY NOT ESTABLISH IT. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE APPLY THE DOCTRINES AS SET FORTH IN HIS WORD. GOD CALLS US TO PRESERVE WHAT HE'S ALREADY CREATED. THIS IS TIED TO OUR CHARACTER IN V.2 AND IS THE RESULT OF GTHS WORKING.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling
Eph 4:4

There is “one body”—The reference is to the church as the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23). In the pagan world, there were a number of religions from which to choose. Religion was not unified; it was varied and competitive. The unity of the body of Christ of which Paul speaks crosses all boundaries—sexual, racial, and social. The condition of membership in the church is faith in Christ, making all who share this faith one body. There is “one Spirit”—GTHS On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit spanned the greatest of all chasms, the separation of the Jew and the Gentile. The same Spirit that put Paul into union with Christ does the same for all believers. He reminds the Corinthian believers of this fact in I Corinthians 12:12-13. The doctrine of the baptism of the Spirit is strong argument for practical unity among Christians.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of seven salvation ministries by God the Holy Spirit.

1. Efficacious grace

2. Regeneration

3. The baptism of the Holy Spirit

4. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit

5. The filling of the Holy Spirit

6. The sealing of the Holy Spirit

7. Spiritual gifts

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a real baptism, an actual identification takes place.

It is one of the seven ministries of the God the Holy Spirit at salvation

At the moment of faith GTHS places the believer into union with Christ.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the means of forming the royal family of God during the church age.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit

It is a function of the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit at salvation.

By entering into union with Christ, we are adopted as royal family of God.

We are a new spiritual species.

This union with Christ is called positional sanctification or the sanctification of the body

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the means of empowerment of God

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not an emotional experience, 1 Cor 12:13.

There is only one baptism that unifies the royal family of God. 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:5, Rom 6:3-5,

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Eph 4:5

The next three statements are separate ideas and yet contain a fundamental unity.

One Lord whom we know is Jesus Christ he is the sovereign ruler of all things one faith
one faith WOG/doctrine these truths argues for unity and harmony. There is “one faith”—Faith incorporates two ideas. **It may refer to one’s attitude of believing in Christ, OR it may also refer to the substance of one’s belief/God’s Word/doctrine.**

One baptism IT’S POSSIBLE THAT baptism of the Holy Spirit. OR water baptism saying that the only Christian baptism is in the name of Jesus Christ. When we fail to keep unity of the spirit we deny our oneness like cancer a dreaded disease in which cells no longer want to unify with the body AS A whole CANCEROUS cells have their own independent program they want to stay in your body but they want to do their own thing and multiply their goal is to shut you down similarly, Satan wants to shut down /God’s church and knows nothing will shut us down like DISUNITY since God is a God of order **The oneness and unity of BELIEVERS is even reflected in the grammatical gender of the word one found three times in THIS verse 5. The first one is masculine, the second one is feminine, and the third one is neuter. The church is one viewed from any perspective.**

6 one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:6

He is "ABOVE ALL"—Transcendence focuses on the awesomeness of God in terms of the great distance that exists between Him and His creation. This is the meaning of the words ABOVE ALL

He is "THROUGH ALL"—This expresses God's creative and sustaining activity.

He is "IN ALL"—This expression views the opposite of transcendence which is immanency. The personal presence of God in His creation and His personal relationship to man is focal. God is **both near (immanent) and far (transcendent)**

Considering all three prepositional phrases, we can say the Father is **1. sovereign** for He is **above all**; **2. He is omnipotent** for He works through all; **3. and He is omnipresent** for **He is in all**. The Father rules, pervades, and sustains

SEVERAL POINTS OF OBSERVATION

1. Paul presses the believers to live out who they are and he reminds them that he is a prisoner of the of the LORD . So, whatever one's condition pleasant or not the joy of the Lord need not be lost. That principle is conveyed to us by the word worthy the believers must conduct themselves in a way that reflects their new status (the called)the word walk carries the idea of lifestyle Eph. 4:1

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