

THEREFORE

A BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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FRAGMENT 5: OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

These holy tempers enable people to live their baptismal promises to: 1. Nurture one another in the Christian faith and life; 2. Proclaim the good news; 3. Live according to the example of Christ; 4. Be a community of love and forgiveness so that each member may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others; 5. To pray for each member to be true disciples; 6. To love and care for each member; 7. To do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love. Verses 1-3 can be summed up with the word “shalom.”

FOLLOW ALONG:

Watch the fifth fragment of Steve Manskar’s Bible study and fill in the _____.

It (shalom) is commonly translated as _____.

The church’s role in God’s mission is to be a _____ and a _____ of God’s shalom to the world.

STRETCH IN THE SPIRIT:

Take action. This week, find one specific way to help someone increase their faith. Do one thing (or more) to confirm someone’s hope. Perform one task that will help perfect someone in love.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Review the baptismal promises as a check list. In what ways do you engage in these promises?
2. Examine your faith in light of the baptismal promises. In what area might you invite others to hold you accountable and help you to grow?
3. Within your congregation, how are you living out the idea of shalom within the church? In the community? In the world?

