



THEREFORE

A BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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FRAGMENT 10: YOU ARE GOD'S VISION

Paul writes to the Ephesian to remind them of who they are. He wants them to remember they are beloved children of God, saved by grace through faith to be God's artwork for the world. Their lives are to reflect Christ's shalom into the world. When you spend time with Jesus, Christ's holiness rubs off on you, making you holy in the process. Oneness and unity are God's vision for the church. Unity in Christ does not mean uniformity. Diversity is an expression of God's amazing creativity. Diversity reveals God's way of love and life in the world.

FOLLOW ALONG:

Watch the tenth fragment of Steve Manskar's Bible study and fill in the _____.

Paul is reminding them who and _____ they are.

When you spend time with Christ, holiness rubs off on you, making you _____ in the process.

The way Paul gets at the divisions present in Ephesus is by reminding them of the _____ of God and of God's mission.




The church will be open to the grace it needs to be the sign and _____ of God's kingdom that is breaking out of the world now.

_____ reveals God's way of love and life in the world.

STRETCH IN THE SPIRIT:

Be the vision. Make the wisdom of Ephesians 4: 1-6 your own and step out to dare and take a risk in God's name. To what might God be calling you? What specific steps will you take to begin to respond?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

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1. Take a brief self-inventory. What one or two qualities has God specifically given to you that make you feel special and unique?
 2. In what one or two ways do you most hope to resemble Jesus?
 3. Diversity is gift. In what ways is your congregation diverse? How does that diversity strengthen your witness to the community and world? How can you deepen your diversity?