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Unity and Peace to Live Out a God-Sized Vision (Part 2)

Ephesians 4:1-3

Ephesians: The Riches of His Grace

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Paul had cast a vision (Chapters 1-3) that would be lived out in action (Chapters 4-6).

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“Worthy of” is from a Greek word that means to weigh the same as, to balance with, to be in keeping with, to match up to, **to be consistent with.**

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To be consistent with what? Your calling. What calling? Your gospel call.

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v. 2-3

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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Heb. 12:1-3

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¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source...” Hebrews 2:10-11

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If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:29

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“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalm 16:11

“...an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.”

2 Corinthians 4:17

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"...Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

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- In the bond of peace

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The vision can only be lived out in action if we maintain the union the Spirit gave us.

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