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Conflicting sources of authority
• __________ heritage
• __________ tradition
• __________ values
• __________ beliefs

• __________ as a __________-follower should – 4:1

How should a Christ-follower live?
• With __________ – 4:2
  • __________ – 4:2
  • __________ – 4:2
  • __________ – 4:2
• _________ the __________ vs. __________ the __________
  “bearing with one another in love” (ESV)
  “showing tolerance for one another in love” (NASB)
  “forbearing one another in love” (KJV)

• __________ what God ___________ – 4:3-6

Q# What is your heart inclined to?

• __________ about the ___________ of God =
  ___________ – 4:3

• Christian __________ – 4:3-6
  • One __________ – 4:4
  • One __________ – 4:4
  • One __________ – 4:4
  • One __________ – 4:5
  • One __________ – 4:5
  • One __________ and ___________ – 4:6

Action Points
• Does your __________ match your __________?
• Are you willing to ____________ of the __________?
• Are your ___________ united with God’s ____________?
• Are you promoting __________ or __________ within the church?
• Have you answered ___________ on your life?
Ephesians 4:1-6
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*Americans’ inherent disdain for authority
Often conflicting sources of authority:
  2) **Family** heritage –

  3) **Church** tradition – Martin Luther 95 Theses

  4) **National** values –

  5) **Personal** beliefs –

• **Live** as a **Christ**-follower should – 4:1
How should a Christ-follower live?
  • With **All** – 4:2
  • **Humility** – 4:2
  • **Gentleness** – 4:2
  • **Patience** – 4:2
  • **Carry** the **wounded** vs. **shooting** the **wounded**
  “bearing with one another in love” (ESV)
  “showing tolerance for one another in love” (NASB)
  “forsaking one another in love” (KJV)

• **Love** what God **loves** – 4:3-6
Q# What is your heart inclined to?
  • **Passionate** about the **work** of God = **Unity** – 4:3

  • Christian **Unity** – 4:3-6
    • One **Body** – 4:4
    • One **Spirit** – 4:4
    • One **Hope** – 4:4
    • One **Lord** – 4:5
    • One **Baptism** – 4:5
    • One **God** and **Father** – 4:6

Action Points
  • Does your **walk** match your **call**?
  • Are you willing to **carry the burdens** of the **wounded**?
  • Are your **passions** united with God’s **passions**?
  • Are you promoting **unity** or **disunity** within the church?
  • Have you answered God’s **call** on your life?

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