

EPHESIANS 4 v81-6.

A PURIFYING HOPE (FAITH BIBLE CAMP)

4 ONE LORD ISAIAH 26 v13. SALVATION ROMANS 10 v9. PHILIPPIANS 2 v9 - 11. 1 COR. 12 v3 THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION (TEST)

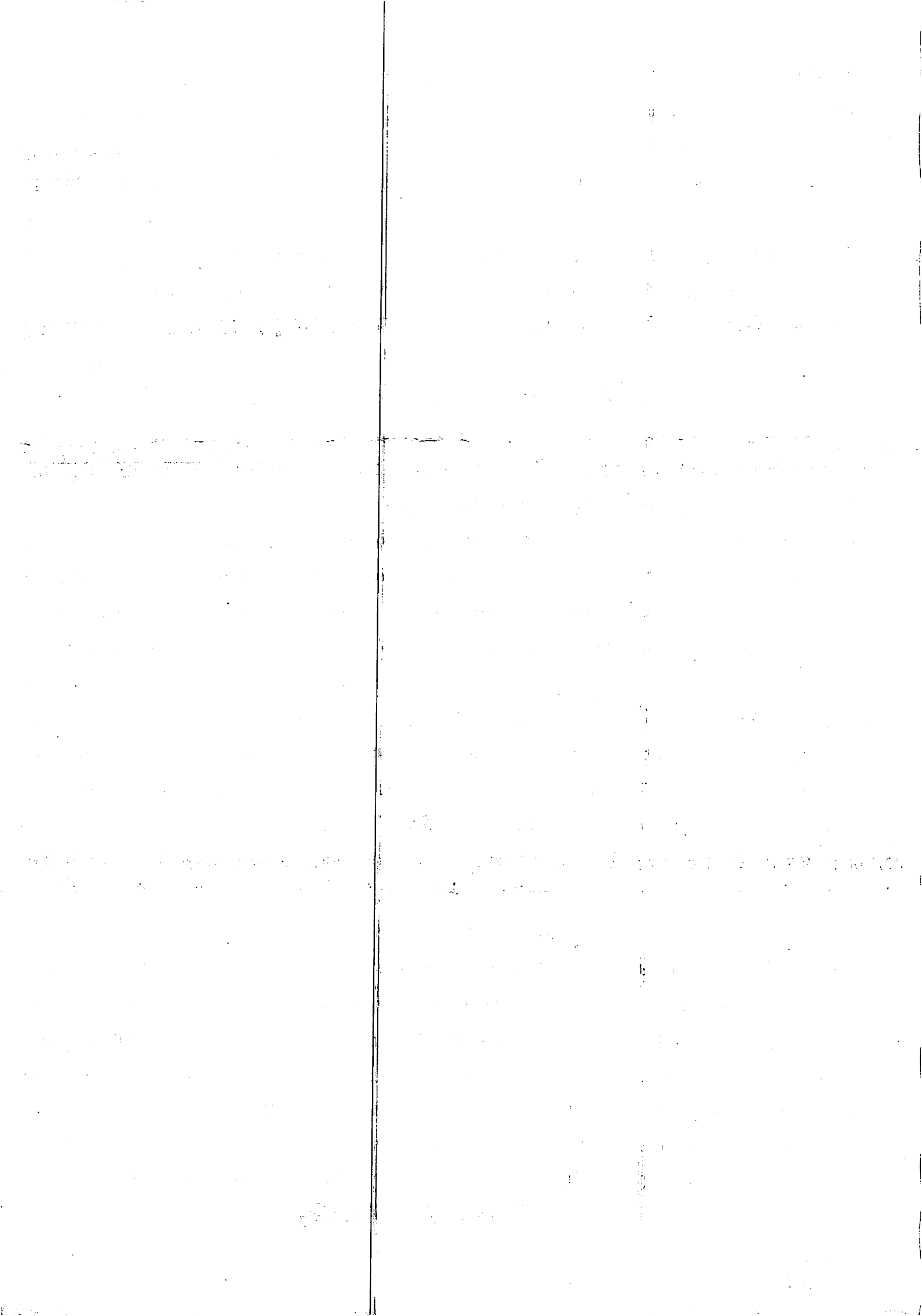
5 ONE FAITH (OBJECTIVE FAITH) I.E THE BODY OF TRUTH GIVEN IN ACTS 6 v7 1 TIMOTHY 4 v1 JUDE 1 v3

(SUBJECTIVE FAITH) A FAITH WHICH IS EXERCISED BY ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST COLOSSIANS 2 v7. BELIEVING IN CHRIST IS EXACTLY THE SAME FOR ALL

6 ONE BAPTISM. (SPIRITUAL) ROMANS 6 v81-12 - GALATIANS 3 v27. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTISED INTO CHRIST, HAVE PUT ON CHRIST

WATER BAPTISM. (IMMERSION) ONLY BAPTISM PRACTISED BY EARLY CHURCH.

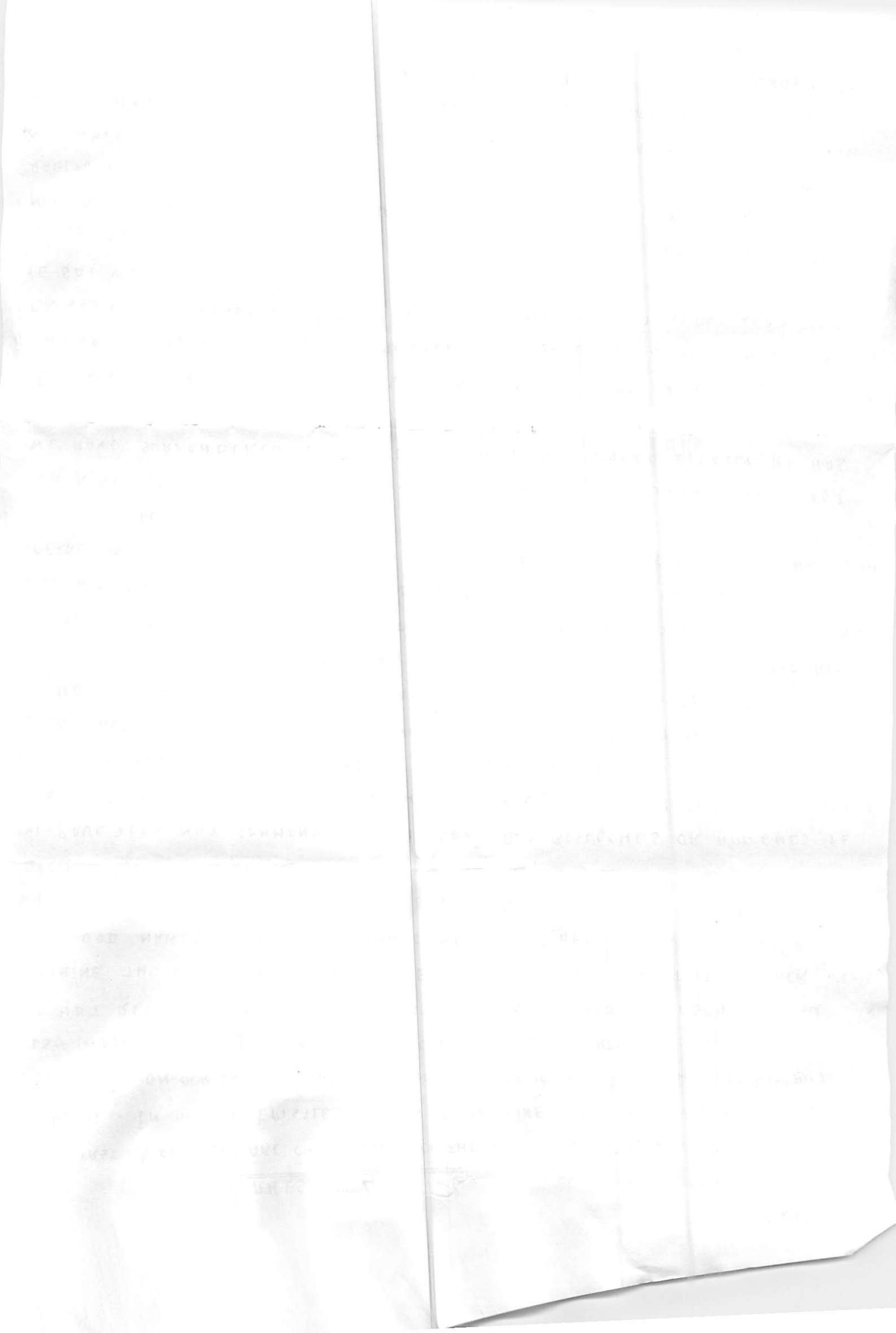
7 ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL HERE IS HIS RELATIONSHIP ONLY TO BELIEVERS (DISCIPLES PRAYER) JOHN 1 v12 GALATIANS 3 v26 A FALSE THEORY THAT ALL MEN ARE IN THE FAMILY OF GOD (JOHN 8 v44) AS CREATOR HE IS THE FATHER OF ALL MEN. BUT MAN'S SIN HAS CUT HIM OUT OF THE FAMILY OF GOD BUT THOSE WHO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR REDEEMER ARE IN HIS SPIRITUAL FAMILY (BOY AND HIS BOAT)



EPHESIANS 4 vs 1-6

So Paul sets out how practically we may keep it. (A) WITH ALL LOWLINESS
THIS WORD IS ONLY FOUND ONCE ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (PHILIPPIANS 2)
MEANS AN UTTER LACK OF SELF-ASSERTIVENESS (FOR WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE PROUD
OF - I.e. OF OURSELVES) ALL IS GIVEN BY GRACE (MCKNESS 1 PETER 3 vs 1-4)
(B) MECKNESS FOUND EIGHT TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, 1 NUMBERS 12
ROOT. HUMILITY A SPIRIT THAT NEVER TAKES OFFENCE I AM NOT MEAK IT
SOMEONE SAYS SOMETHING UNKIND ABOUT ME AND I FEAR UP AT ONCE. JESUS IS
OUR PATTERN MATTHEW 11 vs 28 v 29. PETER WHO WAS HIS DISCIPLE SAID ABOUT
JESUS 1st PETER 2 v 23. GREEKS USED THIS WORD 1 FOR A SOOTHING -
MEDICINE 2 FOR A CURE THAT HAD BEEN BROKEN IN 3 FOR A SOFT WIND (POWER
UNDER CONTROL) (C) LONGSUFFERING 12 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT -
MEANING TO ENDURE WITH UNRUFLED TEMPER (D) FORBEARING I.e. TO PUT
UP WITH. I.e. PUTTING UP WITH ALL THAT IS DISAGREEABLE IN OTHER PEOPLE
THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST (JUDAS ISCARIOT) (E) IN LOVE. 1 COR 13
READ IT AND YOU WILL BE HUMBLER
V3. ENDORSEMENT TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE
THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. THE CHURCH. THE BODY OF CHRIST IS UNITED
BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD SEE 1 CORINTHIANS 12 v 13. ALAS WE SEE MANY MANY
MADE DIVISIONS IN CHRISTENDOM BUT THESE DO NOT EFFECT THE UNITY THAT
GOD SEES AND HAS MADE (HARRY IRONSIDE PSALM 119 v 163
IN THE BOND OF PEACE JAMES 3 v 13 - 17 THE REASON FOR WAR ON
THE OUTSIDE IS BECAUSE IN AND THERE IS WAR ON THE INSIDE. IT A BELIEVER
DOES NOT GET ALONG WITH GOD. HE WILL NOT GET ALONG WITH HIS BRETHREN

IN CHRIST
NOW 7 ELEMENTS OR CONSTITUENTS OF UNITY 1 ONE BODY WHICH
REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH (EPHESIANS 1 v 23 2 v 16 3 v 6
2 ONE SPIRIT I.e. THE HOLY SPIRIT (INDWELLING EVERY BELIEVER)
AGAIN SEE 1 COR 12 v 13.
3 ONE HOPE EPHESIANS 2 v 12 ONCE WE WERE WITHOUT HOPE. BUT
RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL WE HAVE A HOPE. 1 HEAVENLY HOPE COL 1 v 5
2 BLESSED HOPE TITUS 2 v 13 3 WE REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF
GOD ROMANS 5 v 2. GOD OF HOPE ROMANS 15 v 13 EPH. 1 v 18 1 JOHN 3 v 3



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The first 3 chapters are on teaching of the gospel but the last 3 chapters are in doing. In all the epistles this is so doctrine first followed by the practical application on our doing (Chinese scholar "it is not all talkie talkie but also walkie, walkie") What we really believe affects our lives do not reverse this. For the better we know and understand Bible doctrine the easier it is to obey Bible duties, or to put it another way first God makes me what he wants me to be, then he asks me to be what he has made me (the beatitudes) (Matthew chs 5-7)

term walk literally means - manner of life)
vi Paul does not command (that is law) but blessings or appeals in grace in view of all that God in Christ for us. For in the old testament of law it said "If you obey me I will bless you but under grace he says I have already blessed you now willingly respond to my love and grace vi he appeals to his readers as the prisoner of the Lord (see ch 3 vi (not a prisoner of Rome) for it was because of his faithfulness and his devotion to the Lord which was the cause of his imprisonment) He had brought salvation to the Christian believers so this was an added appeal to them to walk worthy of the calling where with they had been called by God.

In a sense every Christian is a prisoner of our Lord Jesus for we have surrendered our wills to him and paradoxically he has set us free. (Hymn) O make me captive Lord and then I shall be free Impison me in thy strong arms, and I shall conquer be, for the fact of life is all of us are mastered by someone or something which brings us into bondage (John 13:13 he call he master and Lord, and he say well, for so I am

Walk means a step at a time. Each walked with God Genesis 5:24 Noah also Genesis 6:9 Abraham Genesis 17:1 Walk also signifies habitual fellowship - walk worthy of the vocation or calling to which you have been called (W. N. C. illustration) so from now on to vie deals with the unity of God's people (William Barclay page 157) Justly God has made the unity as we on our part have to endeavour