

**The Same But Different (Pt. 1)**

Ephesians 4:1-6

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Introduction: A street-wise pastor once said, “We all like diversity until we meet someone who’s not like us.” In theory, the church should be the clearest picture of people setting aside their individual preferences for ONE common purpose: to magnify God by exalting Christ and rejoicing in his salvation. But is it really possible for people of all backgrounds, nationalities, personality types, generations, attitudes, and gifts to put what separates them aside and live in unity?

We Have Been Called**01.****02.****03.**

1. What is consumerism? How has it invaded (and harmed) the church?
2. How does the realization of God’s one-way love toward us motivate and enable us to love others?
3. Read Romans 12:18. Why does Paul include the phrase, “if possible”? Is there something in relationships that’s more important even than peace? What is it and why?
4. Are there certain elements that should be part of every Christian testimony? What are they?
5. The word ‘all’ appears four times in Eph. 4:4. To what is Paul referring in each?
6. Are there preferences in your life that you have a hard time surrendering? How can you grow in being “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (v.2)?