**THERE’S POWER AVAILABLE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**

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**Paul exhorts the church about its "calling", to live the whole life as a response to God's summons, while maintaining the unity in the Spirit**; this a common calling for every believer, regardless of title or ability, focusing on one common understanding…JESUS.

Our directional thoughts…

4 STRENGTHENED TO REVERENCE HIM THAT IS ABLE

5 STRENGTHENED TO WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING

6 STRENGTHENED TO BE ONE

7 STRENGTHENED AND GIFTED

**4  STRENGTHENED TO REVERENCE HIM THAT IS ABLE**

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

**QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN, GOD ACCOMPLISHING INFINITELY MORE THAN WE MIGHT ASK OR THINK?**

**5  STRENGTHENED TO WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING**

Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**6 STRENGTHENED TO BECOME ONE**

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

This oneness among Christians refers to having:

(1) One body – The one body of Christ, the Christian church;

(2) One “Spirit” – The same Holy Spirit who imparts the same spiritual life to all believers;

(3) “One hope” – All Christians share and are headed toward the same heavenly destination;

(4) “One Lord” – All submit to the same divine ruler, Jesus;

(5) “One faith” – All believers have placed the same trust in Christ for salvation;

(6) “One baptism” – Holy Spirit baptism at the time of salvation (1 Cor. 12:13); and

(7) “One God and Father” – All believers in Christ have the same God and heavenly Father.

**QUESTION: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT MAKES THE USE OF “ONE” SO IMPORTANT?**

**7 STRENGTHENED AND GIFTED**

Ephesians 4:7-8

7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. 8 That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.”