

# “Called to One: Jesus”

Sermon

*Ephesians 4:1–16*

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- 1) Behind all of Ephesians is the statement that Christ has already **blessed you, called you, predestined you, and saved you by grace.**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

*Ephesians 1:3-6*

- 2) Paul's wants us to focus not **on our own inadequacy** but on **Christ's power and glory.**

<sup>18b</sup>...that you may know <sup>19</sup>...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ...

*Ephesians 1:18b-20a*

- 3) Christ **takes the Church's inadequacy** and **fills it with himself.**

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20-21*