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Essential Truth: *God calls His children to pursue peace so that they might have unity in the Spirit.*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:3

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Observations:

- As Paul continues his discussion of how the church is to live worthy of their calling, he builds on the idea of living together in patience and love by calling the Ephesians to pursue unity.
- The Spirit is the one who enables this unity to happen but the part the church is to play is to pursue peace with each other.
- This peace, which in Greek (eirene) and Hebrew (shalom) has a strong meaning of completeness, wholeness, or harmony, acts as a bond holding the body together in unity of the Spirit.

Application:

How are we relying on the Holy Spirit to establish peace in our lives and in the life of our church? Romans 12:18 tells us to be at peace with others as much as it relies on us. We are called to act in love and patience toward others, relying on the Holy Spirit to work in us to keep peace with each other. This involves seeking the best of others not just our own, having patience when things do not go the way we would like, and acting to preserve harmony, so that we can pursue unity in faith and practice. May we rely on the Spirit to bind us together in peace even today.

Prayer:

Gracious Father, help us to lean on you and your Spirit to establish a bond of peace among us, so that we might move forward in unity. Help me to understand how I can act in this way even today. In Jesus name, Amen.

