



**27 Feb 2022**

# What God Expects From His Family

## Ephesians 4:1-3

### English Worship Service

10:00 AM • Live In-Person and Online

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*Dr. Larry Pabiona*

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Having been loved and empowered like this, let's walk worthy of our calling, and be united in Christ. That's what God expects from His family.

Given a church with saved members who are faithful to the Gospel and the basic doctrines of the faith: the most basic foundation of that church is its unity. That also means that the most destructive weapon of Satan against any church is division.

That's why after praying for God's love and power to become real to the Ephesians, Paul makes a powerful appeal about their being united and never divided. That's exactly what God also expects from our own church family, corporately and individually:

### 1. THE REASONABLE APPEAL FOR UNITY: Let's walk in a manner worthy of our calling. (Ephesians 4:1)

- A personal appeal (Romans 12:1): *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you...*
- A Biblical appeal (Ephesians 1:3-4): *walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called (Salvation).*

### 2. THE RELATIONAL ATTITUDES FOR UNITY. (Ephesians 4:2-3a)

These relational attitudes are required attitudes for a church to worship together and serve together in joyful unity. If we do not exercise these towards each other, our division and eventual destruction as a church is practically guaranteed:

#### a. **Humility and Gentleness**

Because of how they are put together in the original and also to aid recall, we combine humility and gentleness as one relational attitude. In reality, gentleness can only arise from genuine humility. *"Humility, the most foundational Christian virtue (James 4:6), is the quality of character commanded in the first beatitude (Matthew 5:3) and describes the noble grace of Christ (Philippians 2:7, 8)."*  
J.M. Macarthur

#### b. **Patience** (lit. "suffering long")

#### c. **Putting up with each other in love** (transliteration)

#### d. **Passion for unity**

The phrase "eager to maintain" in Greek is not just normal eagerness or desire; it is better described as "zeal, diligence, or passion."





# God’s Way to Heaven

● **THE GOSPEL**

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

● **THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD**

**God is holy and righteous:**

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

**He requires holiness of us as well:** “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

● **THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST**

**Christ is the expression**

**of God’s love for us:** “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** “For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).

**Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

● **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

**Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:**

If you confess. With your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

● **PRAYER:**

*Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.*

Note that the practice of these four attitudes is sacrificial! They don’t come easy because you must be willing to often bear the unbearable. Yet these are all part of the fruit of the Spirit which is in every believer (Galatians 5:22-23). We are set up to succeed, not fail, personally and as a church.

## 3. THE RESULTING ACTION FOR UNITY. (Ephesians 4:3b)

- Applying these relational attitudes towards each other in our church family will result in peace. That gives us the unity of the Spirit.
- This is not a call to *create* unity; it is a warning to *maintain* the unity God achieved in Christ (Ephesians 2:11–22). The Spirit brings the *bond of peace*. However, that can be disrupted by arrogance, falsehood, pride, and selfish assertiveness.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

People empowered by God and loved by God shouldn’t be fighting inside the family of God. Yet most of us have sadly witnessed how destructive division in churches can be. That’s why the most important request of Paul towers above everything else: Having been loved and empowered like this, let’s walk worthy of our calling, and be united in Christ. That’s what God expects from His family. ■

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# The Shepherd's Voice

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Before He ascended to heaven, our Lord Jesus promised to the believers: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

GCF Family, this promise is still true for us today. All true believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. And so, we have the same unlimited power of the Holy Spirit, the same power that raised Jesus to life and seated Him at God’s right hand in the heavenly places. For what purpose? So that you and I will be Christ’s witnesses in our Jerusalem, the communities around GCF, and in all Judea and Samaria, or the surrounding cities around Pasig, and to the end of the earth.

How would you like to experience the Holy Spirit’s power working through us as we witness and reach out to the communities around us? Allow me to share with you three simple ways.

## First, WAIT on the Lord!

We will be forming community prayer groups from among GCFers who live in condo communities around GCF. Together with your GCF family co-residents, you will be gathering together regularly to pray for your condo community. Your community prayer groups will be asking God to open up opportunities to share His love to your neighbors and oikoses such as your condo admin and personnel.

## Second, WATCH how the Lord is at work.

Jesus said in John 5:19 *“the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.* As God’s children, we will follow Jesus’ example of watching where our Father is at work so we can join His work of transforming lives and communities through Jesus Christ.

## Third, WORK.

When God reveals where He is at work, then you will join Him in His work. How? However, the Lord wants us to! It can be sharing the gospel to your neighbor who lives across your unit who suddenly asks you about our faith. Or your community prayer group may organize a talk on relevant issues such as mental health issues. Or perhaps through sports and physical wellness activities.

## How can you be involved? Here are three ways:

- 1 If you are a resident of any condo near GCF, please let me know. Text me at 09209116942 or email me at [aris.lumague@gcf.org.ph](mailto:aris.lumague@gcf.org.ph) with your name, and condo.
- 2 If you are not a resident but have family members or friends you would like us to reach for Christ, kindly send me their names and condo thru the same mobile # and email I mentioned earlier.
- 3 If you have a burden to pray for these condo communities, then sign up as a prayer warrior. Just send me a text or email indicating your desire to be one.

GCF Family, let’s WAIT, WATCH and WORK and be amazed at how God will do far more abundantly than all we ask or imagine, as we reach the communities around GCF, for His glory and honor! ■



# Worship Through Giving



## God loves a cheerful giver.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



Send a copy of your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

**Account Name:**  
**Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.**

**BDO**  
BDO Corporate Center  
Savings Account: 000661590216

**METROBANK**  
Ortigas Sapphire  
Savings Account: 629-3-62919733-9

**CHINA BANK**  
Ortigas ADB  
Savings Account: 1112-02006218

**BPI**  
Ortigas Emerald  
Peso Savings Account: 9823 0217 01

**UNIONBANK**  
UB Plaza  
Checking Account: 0005-9001-0426

**ROBINSONS BANK**  
Main Office  
Savings Account: 1000-3010-0017-355

**PAYPAL**  
Please visit [gcf.org.ph/give](https://gcf.org.ph/give)

**GCASH**



**PAYMAYA**



## Covid-19 Emergency Response Efforts

You may also give to support the church family’s COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate **“For COVID-19 Fund”**when you email your transaction document.





# Church Updates



## WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 3:00 PM (FILIPINO)

#### REMINDERS:

- Vaccination card required at entrance.
- If you (or household) have symptoms, stay home and worship online.
- Good-fitting masks required. Face shields are optional.

### REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays • 8:00 p.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays • 8:00 p.m. • via Zoom

### KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays

- Ages 2-6 — 10:00 a.m.
- Ages 7-12 — 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 p.m

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For medical appointments or questions, contact:

- [gcfocstef@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocstef@gmail.com)  
(9:00 a.m. — 12:00 nn)
- [gcfocluan@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocluan@gmail.com)  
(1:00 — 4:00 p.m.)

### BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE Webinar for Couples

Every 1st Saturday (until July 2)

2:00 — 4:00 p.m. • via Zoom

To register, contact Marj (0917 779 1549)

## STAY CONNECTED

On-demand viewing of our Worship Services will be available every Monday.

## DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen.  
Contact us at **GCF ERCC Hotline: 0917 532 7794**

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:  
**Facebook:**  
**Greenhills Christian Fellowship**  
**E-mail:**  
**[pray@gcf.org.ph](mailto:pray@gcf.org.ph)**

## ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Is it your first time today?  
We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room:  
**[gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF](https://gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF)**

Welcome Form:  
**[gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)**



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