

1 CORINTHIANS

BE CHURCH

*Don't just come to church
Be the church.*

2025



Bee Church – Lessons From A Bee Colony

- Bees are servants of the queen
- Bees function as a community, not as individuals
- Bees have diverse functions



Signs Of An Unhealthy Church



- **Entitlement** – how am I being served is more important than how am I serving others
- **Toxic Culture** – fear and shame motivates rather than grace and love
- **Authoritarian Leadership** – leadership micromanages, is defensive and places pastoral authority over servant leadership
- **Legalism** – non-biblical moral controls are imposed
- **Controlled Narrative** – unwilling to evaluate traditions biblically and avoiding hard questions
- **Hypocrisy** – what's said is different than what's done
- **Rivalries** – competition over partnership
- **Neglects Great Commission** – ignores local and worldwide evangelism and discipleship

A Blueprint For A Growing Church

Ephesians 4:1-12

Eph 4	Principle	Action
1-2	Dedication Of Individuals	Character Penetrates
3-6	Unification Of Body	Church Integrates
7-10	Implementation Of Gifts	Spirit Emanates
11-12a	Education In Ministry	Pastor Educates
12b-16	Edification Of Body	Maturity Culminates

Ephesians 4:1-2

- I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

I. Dedicated To A Christlike Walk



- **Ephesians 4:1** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called

“Walk” in Ephesians (6x)

- 2:10 walk in good works
- 4:1 walk worthy of the calling
- 4:17 don't walk like the Gentiles
- 5:2 walk in love
- 5:8 walk as children of light
- 5:15 walk circumspectly

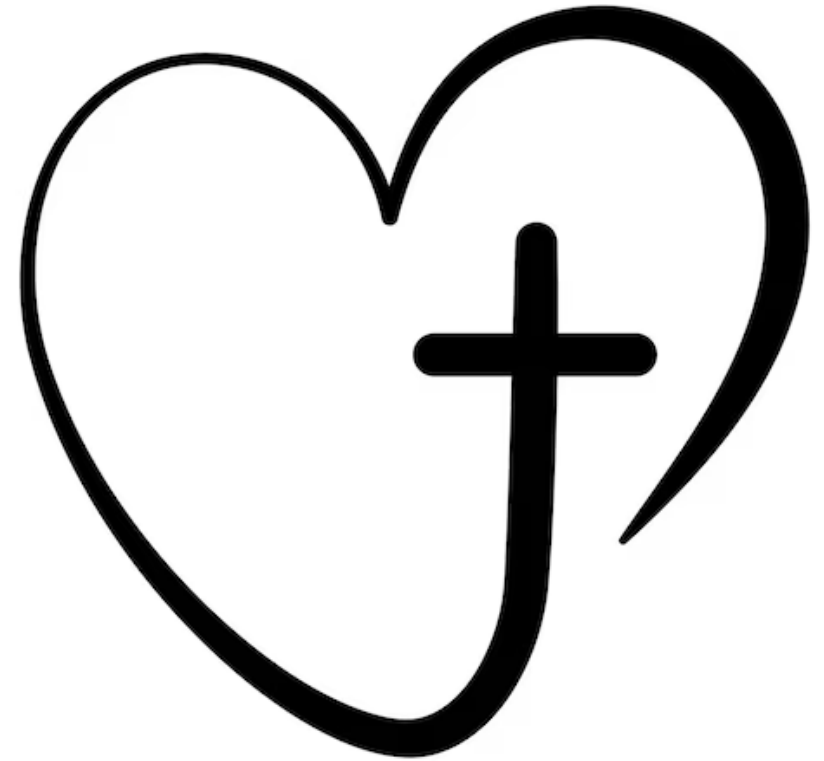


“walk worthy of the calling”

- **Worthy = *axios***
- **English: “axis”**
- **Called to be like Christ**



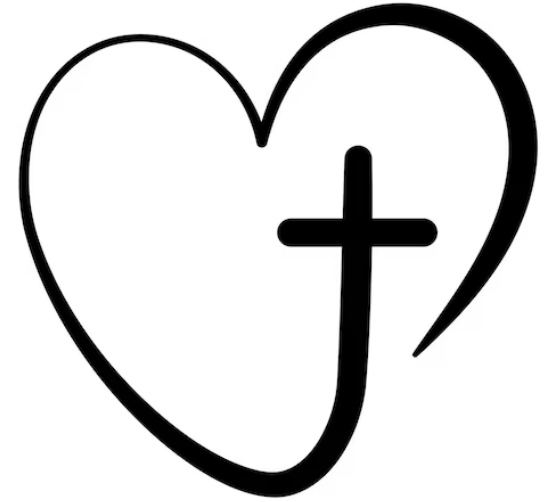
II. Dedicated To A Christlike Heart



Ephesians 4:2 with
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Dedicated To A Christlike Heart

- **Lowliness:** Genuine Humility
- **Meekness:** Submissive Heart
- **Longsuffering:** Enduring Patience
- **Forbearance:** Tolerating Love



Conclusion

- We serve Christ our King exclusively, not ourselves
- We emulate the heart of Christ our King
- We function in community as Christ's Body

