Ephesians – God's Big Plan Sean Bowen, Associate Pastor May 29,2011 Vineyard Church of Hopkinton

#### 1 – Paul prays that we may know and be filled.

- what is the <u>hope</u> to which he has called you,
- what are the <u>riches of his glorious inheritance</u> in the saints, and
- what is the <u>immeasurable greatness of his power</u> toward us who believe **Eph 1:17-19**
- know the <u>love of Christ</u> that surpasses knowledge, <u>that</u> you may be filled with the fullness of God Eph 3:19

#### 2 – God's big plan: <u>to unite all</u> things <u>in Christ</u>, things in heaven and in earth (Eph 1:9-10)

Matt 6:9-10 - your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

NOTE: Mysteries are not secrets!!!

#### 3 - Salvation is the means NOT the end

- Saved by grace
- Saved through faith
- Saved for works that we should walk in them

### 4 - Walk worthy of your call

### Bible Study – Walking Worthy of our Call

Try doing a word study of the word "walk" in the Ephesians. Paul encourages us to "walk worthy of our calling" in Ephesians 4:1. The then goes on to describe what he means by "walk," that is, how we live our daily lives as followers of Jesus.

1 - What are the main ways the Paul's says we are to walk? (hints: 4:1-16; 4:17-32; 5:1-8a; 5:8b-14; 5:15-20)

Unity, especially unity between believers is a big theme in Ephesians (1:10; 2:17-22; 4:3; 4:13; 4:32). Paul then exhorts us to "submit to one another, out of reverence for Christ."

2 – What is the relationship between unity and submitting to one another?

3 – What are some specific ways we can submit to one another?

### A verse to remember

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love,<br/>as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and<br/>sacrifice to God.Ephesians 5:1-2

# Question to Ponder

What does it specifically mean for you to be an imitator of God?

# My Next Steps:

 $\Box$  Pray for deeper understanding of God's love for me

□ Pick one or two things to do to "walk worthy of my call"