

How Jesus-Believers Ought to Live: The Core Exhortations

§ 1 • Exhortation to Be What God Has Appointed You to Be

§ 1.1 • Exhortation to Live in Keeping with One's General Calling As a Member of God's One People

PART 8

- 17 Therefore, I urge you—I, the prisoner because of the lord—to walk in a manner suited to the calling to which you have been called. 2•With all lowliness of mind and lack of presumption, with long-suffering, putting up with one another out of love, strive earnestly to preserve the oneness which is from the Spirit, based on the mutual bond of peace. 3•There is one body and one Spirit, inasmuch as indeed you were called to one hope of your calling. 4•There is one Lord, one belief, one baptism. 5•There is one God and Father of all—he who is over all and to all and for all.

4:1–6

§ 1.2 • Exhortation to Live in Keeping with One's Specific, Individual Calling

§ 1.2.1 • Identification of the Pleroma As Captive-Slaves Gifted to God by the Messiah

PART 9

- 18 Now to each one of us grace has been given in correspondence to the measure of the Messiah's gift to God. 2•Hence, it reads, "When he ascended to the heights, he led captive a mass of captives, and he gave gifts consisting of men." [Psalm 68:18] (3•Now this "he ascended"—what does it suggest, if not that, in fact, he first descended into the lower parts of the land?) 4•The one who descended? The same one is also the one who ascended high above all the skies in order to fill the "All."

4:7–10