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New Hope, New Perspective, New People - Ephesians 4:1-32
Hope creates a list. Who hopes for what they have?

Living: Temporal for the temporal or in the Temporal for the
Eternal

Live worthy – Humble, gentle, patiently bearing with one another
in love

Make every effort to keep unity of the Spirit through peace

Covenant Unity of God's Community:

Bound to each other into one body, by one spirit, with one hope
in the one Lord and through one faith brought into this
unity through one baptism.

Allow yourself to be built up by God 's teachers so you will be
unified in the faith

It is for your equipping for service:

It is for unity of faith and knowledge of Jesus:

It is for your maturity, increasingly more Christ-like:

It is for your stability that the crafty don't lead you backward:

Futile Living: Not what you were intended for or ultimately
helpful

It is a downward spiral –

Upward Trajectory Put off the old self, Be Kind,
compassionate and forgiving.

Those who hoped in the coming Christ: Mary Rejoices, Joseph
submits and protects, Elizabeth Blesses Mary, John in her
womb leaps for joy, Shepherd Hurried, Simon Praised God
(His Salvation), Anna Gave thanks (God's Redemption),
Wise men left the comfort of their home to worship Him

From an earthly perspective, serving others when it is to your
disadvantage is foolish and futile

From an eternal perspective, building your life with temporary
riches that lack long term returns is futile and foolish

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