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¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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In addition to being ONE in God, how are believers all unique? [4:7](#); [Rom.12:6-8](#); [ICor.12:4-10](#)

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Christ also ascended where? [4:10](#), [1:20-23](#); [Heb.7:16](#)

Besides giving gifts, what else did He give? [4:11](#), [2:20](#); [Acts 1:15-26](#); [Gal.1:1](#)

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There is ONE God and Father of all Who is over all, through all and in all! Unity, all ONE

In addition to being ONE in God, how are believers all unique? 4:7; Rom.12:6-8; ICor.12:4-10

We are all uniquely gifted, not for ourselves but for the Church. Our gifts are for others!

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At His ascension He led (as was the norm) Satan, death, all His enemies. Open spectacle!

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Christ also descended into the lower parts of the earth; Below grave, death, ‘pit of demons’

Christ also ascended where? 4:10, 1:20-23; Heb.7:16

He ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things. From heaven to the pit!

Besides giving gifts, what else did He give? 4:11, 2:20; Acts 1:15-26; Gal.1:1

He gave gifted men: The apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds (pastors), teachers...

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To equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ (Church).