

# *Ephesians*

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<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
<sup>13</sup> 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,  
<sup>14</sup> 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.  
<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,  
<sup>16</sup> 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.  
<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.  
<sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.  
<sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.  
<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—  
<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,  
<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,  
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And what does 'into Christ...' produce? 4:16; ICor.12:12-31; Col.2:19; ICor.13:4-9, 13

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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...**

And what was their purpose / function? 4:12; IITim.3:16-17; Acts 9:31, 20:32; Heb.13:17

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

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**That we all (believers) attain (come to) unity in the faith. By this...unbelievers will know...**

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**To come to a full, thorough, knowledge of the Son of God. To mature manhood (grown up)**

And all of this is 'so that...'? 4:14; ICor.3:1-2, 14:20; Heb.5:12-14; Acts 20:30-31; IJn.4:1

**So that we may no longer be children (spiritual infants). Tossed by every cunning doctrine.**

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**We are to speak the truth in love, and grow up in every way, into the head, into Christ...!**

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**The whole body, held together by every joint, when working properly, grows body via love!**