

Review / Introduction:

1. Paul has been speaking of the unity of the church, which is also rich in diversity, vs. 6-10
2. The importance of gifts to the building up of the church...and the work of ministry vs. 11-12
3. And in vs. 13 he points us to the maturity that should characterize those who are followers of Christ...

I. A Negative Exhortation... "No longer be children..."

A. There is a sense we ought to always be like children...

Observation:

B. We need to grow up...

1. Take responsibility...
2. Immature Christians are unstable...
3. They are tossed about by every wind of doctrine...

Observation:

4. They make no progress...just going along...

Observation:

5. They are easily deceived...

Observation:

II. The Way to maturity and stability...

A. Through the Scriptures... Proverbs 6:22; Colossians 3:16

B. Through prayer... Jeremiah 33:3

C. Through fellowship... II Timothy 2:22

D. Through worship where the Word of God is preached... I Corinthians 14:25

Application: