

1 ☐ Unity-Mark of a Maturing Church Part 5

Ephesians 4:7-16

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It is urgently needful that the Christian people of our charge should come to understand that they are not a company of invalids, to be wheeled about, or fed by hand, nursed, and comforted, the minister being the Head Physician and Nurse; but a garrison in an enemy's country, every soldier of which should have some post or duty, at which he should be prepared to make any sacrifice rather than quitting.

--F.B.Meyer

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Eph 6:10-17

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you

4 ☐ Each Person a Gift

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• **Equipped to Get the Job Done**

• **Ephesians 4:7 (NASB)**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

5 ☐ Different Gifts, Same Spirit

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• **Their purpose is to edify the church and glorify God.**

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• "Miracles, healing, languages, and the interpretation of languages were temporary sign gifts limited to the apostolic age and have, therefore, ceased. Their purpose was to authenticate the apostles and their message as the true Word of God."

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• Distinctives simply mean we believe the Bible teaches this distinctive and not some other distinctive some other church may hold. The more distinctives that are shared the more unity with other churches is possible.

9 ☐ Christ Victorious

Ephesians 4:8 (NASB)

Therefore It Says, "when he ascended on high, he led captive a host of captives, And He Gave Gifts To Men."

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1 Peter 4:11 (NASB)

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

11  **Gifts for the Whole Church**

Ephesians 4:11(NASB)

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers

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1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers..., then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

13  **Apostles and Prophets**

14  **Evangelists**

2 Timothy 4:5 (NASB)

But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

15  **Pastor-Teachers**

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2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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"Nothing is more necessary for the building up of God's church in every age than an ample supply of God-gifted teachers...It is teaching that builds up the church. It is teachers who are needed the most."
--John Stott

17  **God's Purpose**

• Ephesians 4:12-14 (NASB)

...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming

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Unity of the faith

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NASB)

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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“Oneness in fellowship is impossible unless it is built on the foundation of commonly believed truth.”

–MacArthur

20 Knowledge of Christ

John 10:27 (NASB)

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me

21 Spiritual Maturity

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1 John 2:6 (NASB)

the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

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2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

22 Sound Doctrine

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“The number of misdirected, corrupt, and even heretical leaders to whom many church members willingly give their money and allegiance is astounding and heartbreaking.”

--MacArthur

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2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NASB)

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

23 Authentic Testimony

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25 Unity

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John 17:20-23

...so that the world may believe that You sent ME...