

Body Building Evidence: Growing into Christ by Speaking the Truth in Love

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Bible Study Hour

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ in the context of His body the church (1-6)

- The characteristics behind a worthy walk as a church (2a)
- The path to actively pursue a worthy walk as a church (2b-3)
- The foundations of the unity preserved in a worthy walk as a church (4-6)

As Christ brings about a mature unity in His body by the body (7-16)

- A mature unity through the diversity of Christ's gifts to each person in His body (7-10)
 - All those who are in Christ have been given a spiritual gift (7)
 - As a consequence of Christ's victory (8-10)
 - A mature unity specifically through Christ's equipping gifts to His body (11-16)
 - The identification of those equipping gifts (11)
 - The purpose of the equipping gifts (12)
 - The goal of the body being built up: Christ-Like maturity (13)
 - The evidence that the body is being built up (14-15)
 - Not being characterized by the doctrinal instability of immaturity
 - Not tossed and carried about by false doctrine
 - Not tossed and carried about by the trickery of false teachers
 - Not tossed and carried about by deceitful doctrinal scheming
 - But rather being characterized by growing in maturity as the body speaks the truth in love

- A maturity defined as growing up

- A _____ growth

- A _____ growth

- A maturity by means of God's Word

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_____ manner