

How the Church Grows (Part II) Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Unity and Diversity in the Grace of God (4:7)
2. Christ's Authority to Bestow Gifts Upon His Church (4: 8-10)
 - I. The Means of Growing into Christ: He Gave Leadership (4:7-11)
 1. Every Believer is Gifted by Christ with diverse grace (4:7)
 2. The Church is Gifted with People in Diverse Offices (4:8-11)
 3. The Need for Equipping (4:12)
 4. Not the Same as Building Up Individuals

II. The Goal of Growing into Christ: Perfection (4: 12b-14)

- For the edifying of the body of Christ
- The aim: unity of the faith & unity of the knowledge of the Son of God

“that *we* may no longer be children tossed to and fro”

III. The Aim of or Purpose in All Ministry (4:15,16)

“speaking the truth in love”

“may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ”

“whom - whole body joined & knit together...every joint supplies”

“effective working by which every part does its share”

“causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love”

- “**In love**” is a very important phrase in Paul's thinking in Ephesians
Eph 4:2; 15, 16 – love is a theme throughout Ephesians 1:15; 3:17; 5:2