

# EPHESIANS

“the church...is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

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- I. A Call to Unity of the Spirit (vv. 1-16)
  - A. Guarding the Unity of the Spirit: The Bond of Peace (vv. 1-6)
    - a. Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called. (v. 1)
      - i. With all lowliness and gentleness. (v. 2a)
      - ii. With longsuffering, bearing with one another in love. (v. 2b)
      - iii. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (v. 3)
    - b. There is one body, Spirit, hope of your calling, Lord, faith, baptism, and one God and Father of all – above all, through all, in all. (vv. 4-6)



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  - B. Guarding the Unity of the Spirit: Gifts for Edification (vv. 7-16)
    - a. Grace was given each one according to the measure of Christ's gift. (v. 7)
    - b. He ascended, led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. (v. 8)
      - i. His ascension presupposes His descension. (v. 9)
      - ii. His descension was followed with His ascension to fill all things. (v. 10)

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    - c. The gifts: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers. (v. 11)
      - i. For equipping the saints for the work of ministry. (v. 12a)
      - ii. For edifying the body of Christ. (v. 12b)
      - iii. For coming to unity in the faith, and knowledge of Jesus, to maturity to the measure of Christ's stature and fullness. (v. 13)
      - iv. For growing out of the vulnerable state of immaturity which false teaching can easily affect. (v. 14)
      - v. For speaking the truth in love, to grow up into the head – Christ. (v. 15)
      - vi. From Christ the body is joined and knit together, and all parts contribute to the growth of the body for self-edification in love. (v. 16)

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  - A. The Contrast of the Gentiles' Walk and What is Learned in Christ (vv. 17-24)
    - a. No longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles: (v. 17a)
      - i. In the futility of their mind. (v. 17b)
      - ii. Their understanding darkened. (v. 18a)
      - iii. Alienated from the life of God. (v. 18b)
        - 1. Because they are ignorant. (v. 18c)
        - 2. Because their heart is blind (hard). (v. 18d)
      - iv. Being past feeling they are given to lewdness, uncleanness, and greediness. (v. 19)

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    - a. No longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles: (v. 17a)
    - b. You have not learned such from Christ, but have rather heard Him, and been taught by Him as truth is in Him: (vv. 20-21)
      - i. That you put off the old man that grows corrupt by deceitful lusts. (v. 22)
      - ii. That you be renewed in the spirit of your mind. (v. 23)
      - iii. That you put on the new man created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (v. 24)



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  - B. Practical Change Toward One Another (vv. 25-32)
    - a. Put away lying, speak truth as members of one another. (v. 25)
    - b. Do not sin in anger, nor give place to the devil. (vv. 26-27)
    - c. No longer steal, but labor so that you have something to give the needy. (v. 28)
    - d. Avoid corrupt speech, only speaking to edify and impart grace. (v. 29)
    - e. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (v. 30)
    - f. Put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking, with all malice. (v. 31)
    - g. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving as God has done so in Christ. (v. 32)