
5. Anchored in God's truth

Ephesians 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Cunning – kubōs (Gk.)

— Craftiness – panourgia (Gk.) —

Scheming – mēthōdēia (Gk.)

6. Truthing in love toward maturity

Eph. 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

— Truth – alēthēuō (Gk.) —

7. The benefit of the entire church

Eph. 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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Usness Serving

Ephesians 4:7-16

September 14, 2025

Ephesians:

Eph. 1: God chose , redeemed, seals and empowers you.

— Eph. 2: Man's predicament, But God saved you, even us! —

Eph. 3: God uniting people, people knowing God, people loving people.

Eph. 4: Usness

Psalm 133:1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.

My Life as Teammate

— The foundations of our serving —

Ephesians 4:7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe).

Psalm 68:18 When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious— that you, Lord God, might dwell there.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time
His slave,
Our God is marching on.

God's people serving!

Ephesians 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service,

Rom. 12:4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

As to gifts:

- a. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift.
 - b. Not everyone has the same gift.
 - c. We belong to each other in service.
 - d. Our gifts are given on the basis of grace.
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Ephesians 4:12 ...to prepare God's people for works of service,

“Prepare” – *katartismon* (Gk.)

“Service” – *diakonia* (Gk.)

7 effects of serving

1. Build up the body of Christ

Ephesians 4:12 ...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

2. Unity in the faith

Ephesians 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith...

3. Unity in the knowledge of the Son of God

Ephesians 4:13 until we all reach unity...and in the knowledge of the Son of God...

4. Becoming mature, Christlike

Eph. 4:13 ...un to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
