

IN CHRIST ALONE

BOOK OF EPHESIANS

Kord Jacobsen - We're All In This Together - 10-18-2020 Ephesians 4:7-16 NLT

ONE SENTENCE VERSION: There is _____ in _____.

Ephesians 4:7-16

However, He has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. That is why the Scriptures say, "When He ascended to the heights, He led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to His people." Notice that it says "He ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that He might fill the entire universe with Himself. Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Spiritual gifts have two purposes.

1. To bring people _____ the Church.
2. To bring people _____ in the Church.

We mature in our unity together because we serve one _____ as one _____.

Romans 12:4-6a

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

We mature in our unity through our _____. (Ephesians 4:7-11)

1 Corinthians 14:4-6,11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

We mature in our unity when we _____. (Ephesians 4:12)

We mature in our unity in the _____ of _____. (Ephesians 4:13-16)

Digging Deeper:

What are my gifts?

How can God use them? (Bring into Church/Bring up in Church)

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