

BE THE CHURCH

Ephesians



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UNITY

Principle

In light of the gospel and all it provides, believers in the Church are called to live in such a way that displays who they are: knitted together by ONE Spirit in ONE body of Jesus under ONE loving Father.

Ephesians 4:7-16

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Diversity

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Matthew 27:51-53

"⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many."

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Luke 23:43

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Luke 16:19-31

²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off... between us and you a great chasm has been fixed

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Revelation 20:11-15

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

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Apostolos | ἀποστόλους
*one who establishes new
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- Sent -

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Prophetes | προφήτας
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- Convict -

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Euangelistes | εὐαγγελιστάς
*one who maintains the purity
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- Protect -

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Poimen | ποιμένας
*one who leads others
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- Guide -

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Didaskalos | διδάσκαλος

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contextual meaning of the Bible*

- Explain -

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Jesus has unified the Church, yet He has also diversely gifted the Church. He has given many gifts, but certain ones are meant to equip the Church unto its ultimate aim of functional unity together in mutual love and labor in the mission of God.

Next Week

Ephesians 4:1-16

How is HCC being equipped to embrace its calling as a local church that is united and growing itself up in love?