

LIFE TOGETHER | How to live within the household of God
Ephesians 4:1-16
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We are members of the household of God (Eph. 2:18-22).

Eph. 2:18-22 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

How are we to live within the household of God?

1. Be eager to maintain unity (4:1-3)

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

2. Be mindful of our oneness (4:4-6)

- We have the same identity (v. 4)

Romans 12:4–5 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

- We have the same testimony (v. 5)
- We have the same father (v. 6)

3. Be equipped by your leaders (4:8-12)

4. Be anchored in God's Word (4:13-14)

- To Know Christ (v. 13)

Who is the Son of God?

(1) He is the exalted Lord (vv. 5, 8-11)

Ephesians 1:20–23 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as

head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(2) He is generous (v. 7-11)

(3) He is the head (v. 13)

(4) He is the source and aim of our growth (v. 13)

- We come to know Christ through his word (Eph. 4:20-21), prayer (Eph. 1:16-23; 3:14-19), and fellowship with believers.

Ephesians 4:20–21 But that is not the way you learned Christ! —21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

- To fight falsehood (v. 14)

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

- To speak truth in love (v. 15)

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

We are to know truth, think truth, follow truth, and speak truth in love!

5. Be a channel of God's grace (4:16)

- By exercising your spiritual gifts (v. 7)
- By receiving Christ's supply (v. 16)

It's supernatural. Christ is not passive but active in building His Church! The body causes the growth of the body.

- By pursuing growth together
- By doing your part