

# L104 | Ephesians | "Christ Gave Grace Unto" | Eph. 4:7-16

## I. Intro/Review:

- Christ Gave Grace For
- Christ Gave Grace Till the Unity

## II. Preview:

1. The Unity of the Faith,
2. and of the Knowledge of the Son of God
3. Unto a Perfect Man
4. Unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ

## III. Sermon:

**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:  
{Ephesians 4:13}**

- **"till we all come in the unity of the faith"**
  1. "till" - adverb describing or limiting the verb "gave"
  2. He gave gifts till
    1. For the perfecting
    2. For the work
    3. For the edifying
    4. All come in the unity
  3. **"come in"** - to arrive
    - Php. 3:11 - "attain"
  4. **"unity"** - oneness, sameness - state or property of being one; agreement
    - The unity is contingent on "the faith" - as "the faith" is revealed, the unity is given and taught for all to come in.
    - **"the faith"** - the body of teaching
      1. **Jesus Christ** - Romans 1:3 - concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord
        - "which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"
        - Identifies with us to deal with all our problems that we may be identified with all His remedies
      2. **Sin** - Romans 3:9 - "are we better than they?"
        - Rom. 3:19 - "to them under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."

3. **Righteousness** - Romans 3:22 - "even the righteousness of God...unto all"
  - "no difference - for all have sinned"
4. **Fellowship** - 1 Corinthians 1:9 - "the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."
  - "no divisions among you"
  - 1 Cor. 3:22 - "Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas" - all things are yours
  - Death, burial, and resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ
5. **The Body of Christ** - Ephesians 2:14 - "He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"
  - 1 Cor. 12:12 - "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews and Gentiles, whether we be bond or free"
  - Gal. 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
  - Eph. 2:15 - "...for to make Himself of twain one new man"
    - Eph. 2:16 - "...that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross"
6. **Access** - Eph. 2:18 - "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."
7. **Citizens of God's Household** - "...fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"
  - Eph. 3:6 - "Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel:"

- The revelation in Ephesians-Colossians - the revelation of the mystery of Christ
  1. One Body
  2. One Spirit
  3. One Hope
  4. One Lord
  5. One Faith
  6. One Baptism
  7. One God and Father of All, who is Above All, and Through All, and in you All
- They have now "come into the unity of the faith"
  - The faith is a body of teaching; however, it includes things of "unity"

## 2. "And of the knowledge of the Son of God"

- The specificity of "the faith"
- The faith of the Son of God
- The mystery of Christ - Eph. 3
- The wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him - in Christ
- Eternal purpose is in Christ

- Everything gathered together in the future in Christ
- "the knowledge" - to be thoroughly acquainted with
  - 2 Tim. 3:16 - all scripture is given by inspiration
  - Col. 1: - fulfill the word of God

### 3. "Unto a Perfect Man"

1. New Man - "put on" - Rom. 5:10ff, 13:14
  - 2 Cor. 5:17 - new creature
  - Eph. 4:24 - put on the new man
  - Col. 3:10 - put on the new man (Eph. 2:10 - workmanship created in Christ Jesus)
  - Redemption
2. One New Man - Jew and Gentile are one in Christ - not one above the other
  - The mystery
3. Perfect Man - the knowledge of the Son of God equips and matures the new man, the one new man
  - The purpose of the new man and one new man
- The long awaited "perfect"
  - 1 Cor. 13
  - Eph. 4
  - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

### 4. "Unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ"

1. Paul's prayer - Ephesians 3:16-21 - "ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."
  - "the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge"
  - Eph. 4:13 - coming into the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God
    - Perfect man
  - 1 Cor. 13 - know how your known
2. The Measure - the portion
3. The Stature - maturity - age or size (perfect man)
  - Luk. 19:3 - Zacchaeus "little of stature"
  - John 9:21, 23 - (2x) man born blind - parents say "he is of age;"
  - Paul is striving after - Col. 1; 1 The. 3; Php. 3:14-16
4. Eph. 2 - the course of this world in contrast to the predestinated course of God in Christ
  1. Make you a new man
  2. Come in the knowledge of the Son of God - unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ
5. The Fulness of Christ
  - Attach this to Eph. 4:10 - "that He might fill all things"

- How?
- Giving gifts to provide the faith to fill believers with Himself to take a part in all authority
- Eph. 1:23, Col. 1:19, 2:9, Col. 3:11 (Eph. 4:6) - 1 Cor. 15 (Eph. 3:19)
  - Filled with Spirit - Eph. 5:18 (2 Cor. 3:17-18 - "Now the Lord is that Spirit...")
- So what is "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"?
  - It is growing in your knowledge of Christ as far as He is revealed both in wisdom (practice) and understanding (excellency of knowing Christ)
- This is the epitome of your salvation, justification
- This is "your calling" the "high calling" - everything is Christ for His purpose and end.
- My mind is Christ, my bowels are Christ, my love is Christ, my strength is Christ, my wisdom is Christ - I live, but I live by the faith of the Son of God

#### **IV. Conclusion:**

- Singular to corporate
- Freedom from winds of doctrines
- Internal development and growth (the church, the body of Christ is the pillar and ground of the truth - not Israel with the law and definitely not with their traditions)
- Equality of knowledge, equality of work opportunity - differences of administrations or operations
  - The body's ability to edify itself in love