

# L103 | Ephesians | "Christ Gave Grace Till We All Come in the Unity"

## I. Intro/Review:

1. The Perfecting of the Saints
  - Noun - Christ's perspective - purpose of the gifts (apostle, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers)
  - Perfecting
    - Takes place by the word of God
    - Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith
    - Being filled
2. The Work of the Ministry
  - The work of the ministry - ministration of God's purpose in Christ
  - To work and labor in building the church
3. The Edifying of the Body of Christ - to fill all things
  - "edifying" - building (Eph. 2 - holy temple in the Lord, habitation of God through the Spirit)
  - Matt. 24:1 - "buildings of the temple"
  - Rom. 14:19 - "follow after the things which make for peace"
  - Rom. 15:2 - "please his neighbour for his good to edification"
  - 1 Cor. 3:9 - "...ye are God's building"
  - 1 Cor. 14:3 - "...he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification..."
  - 1 Cor. 14:12 - "...seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."
  - 1 Cor. 14:26 - "...Let all things be done unto edifying."
  - Eph. 2:21, 4:12, 16, 29
    - Eph. 4:29 - "...communication...to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."
      - Perfecting is the furnishing of good communication, then the ministering of that communication unto the hearers to their edifying.
    - Edifying is done when perfected saints administer work.
  - Spiritual building in which Christ dwells
    - Hearts and minds of men - at large the church

## II. Preview:

1. Christ Gave Grace Till
  1. Gave - verb
  2. Till - adverb
2. Till We All Come In the Unity
  1. Of the faith, and
  2. Of the knowledge of the Son of God
3. Christ Gave Grace Unto
  1. Unto a perfect man,

2. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

### III. Sermon:

#### 1. Christ Gave Grace Till

1. Gave - verb
2. Till - adverb
  - "as far as", until - up to a certain point (the space of time or place intervening)
    - Matt. 11:23
    - Matt. 13:30

#### 2. Till We All Come In the Unity

- By the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers it allows for "all come in" "the unity" that proceeds from "the faith" - thus the faith is unifying.
- Ephesians has been setting forth the "oneness" in Christ between Jew and Gentile.
  - Eph. 1 - eternal purpose
  - Eph. 2 - one new man
  - Eph. 3 - Gentiles in the whole family
  - Eph. 4 - seven one-ders
- Another fruit of Christ giving gifts unto men is to provide for the replacement of the gifts
  - "the unity" - the fruit of the revelation of "the faith" and "the knowledge of the Son of God"
    - "of the faith"
    - "of the knowledge of the Son of God"
- **"we all"** - Paul includes himself
  - Corporate provision for individual results
- **"come in"**
  - Possibility and potentiality
  - Active voice
  - Now has the time come
    - "henceforth"
      - a) No more children
      - b) Speaking the truth in love may grow up
      - c) Make increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love
- **"the unity" - root word (one)**
  - Only used in Ephesians - Eph. 4:3, 13
  - Provided for from "the faith" - need to keep
    1. Of the faith, and
      - Acts 6:7 - "obedient to the faith"
      - Acts 13:8 - "from the faith"
      - Acts 14:22 - "...and exhorting them to continue in the faith"
      - Acts 16:5 - "And so were the churches established in the faith"

- Acts 24:24 - "...and heard him concerning the faith in Christ."
  - Rom. 1:5 - "...for obedience to the faith among all nations..."
  - Rom. 14:1 - "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye..."
  - 1 Cor. 16:13 - "...stand fast in the faith,"
  - 2 Cor. 13:5 - "Examine yourself, whether ye be in the faith;"
  - Gal. 1:23 - "...that he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed."
  - Gal. 2:16 - "...justified by the faith of Christ"
  - Gal. 2:20 - "...by the faith of the Son of God"
  - Gal. 3:23 - "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed."
  - Eph. 4:5 - "one faith"
  - Eph. 4:13 - "the unity of the faith"
  - Php. 1:27 - "...striving together for the faith of the gospel"
  - Col. 1:23 - "if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled..."
  - Col. 2:7 - "...and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught..."
  - 1 Tim. 3:13 - "...and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."
  - 1 Tim. 4:1 - "...some shall depart from the faith"
  - 1 Tim. 5:8 - "...he hath denied the faith..."
  - 1 Tim. 6:10 - "...they have erred from the faith,"
  - 1 Tim. 6:21 - "...which some professing have erred concerning the faith..."
  - 2 Tim. 3:8 - "...reprobate concerning the faith."
  - 2 Tim. 4:7 - "...I have kept the faith"
  - Tit. 1:1 - "...according to the faith of God's
- "of the faith"
    1. The faith - something the Spirit provides
    2. collaboration of the proportion of faith (Rom. 12)
    3. Unity to be kept - Completion of the faith (one's)
    4. "knowledge of the Son of God"
      - "perfect knowledge"
      - 1 Cor. 13:8-13
        - :9 - "in part"
        - :10 - "perfect"
        - :11 - "child" - "man"
  - 2. "of the knowledge of the Son of God"
    1. "epignosis" - precise, correct knowledge of the Son of God
    2. Ephesians - before the foundation of the world, redemption, descent, ascent, the love of Christ
      - Know as your known - in Christ
    3. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

### 3. Christ Gave Grace Unto

#### 1. Unto a perfect man,

- Thoroughly furnished by "the faith" and "the knowledge of the Son of God"
- Individual becoming the collective whole - "to make one new man" - identified with the same thing
  - "unto a perfect man" - one that puts off childish things, full grown

2. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

- Paul's prayer
- Christ's provision to answer Paul's prayer
- The measure of the gift of Christ - the bread, length, depth, and height dwelling in the hearts of His church by faith "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"
  - The church being the fulness of Christ to Christ fill all in all.

**IV. Conclusion:**