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Word of Grace Bible Church

THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 4:12-16)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

III. THE BELIEVER'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH, PERSONAL, AND DOMESTIC LIFE (4:1-6:9)

A. Unity in the Body of Christ (4:1-16)

1. Maintaining the Unity (vv. 1-6)

2. Diversity in Unity (vv. 7-16)

a. The various reasons Jesus Christ gave some to be APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, and PASTOR-TEACHERS to the Church was…

1) *"for the* _____ *of the* _____*"* (v. 12a)

2) *"for the* _____ *of the* _____*"* (v. 12b)

3) *"for the* _____ *of the* _____ *of Christ"* (v. 12c)

b. The duration for these ministries is to continue till we come…

1) *"to the* _____ *of the* _____*"* (v. 13a)

2) to *"the* _____ *of the Son of God"* (v. 13b)

3) *"to a* _____ *man"* (v. 13c)

4) *"to the measure of the* _____ *of the* _____ *of Christ"* (v. 13d)

c. The multiple purposes for these gifted evangelists and pastor-teachers were given to the Church…

1) in order *"that we should no longer be* _____*"* (v. 14a)

2) in order that we should no longer be *"*_____ *to and fro"* (v. 14b)

3) in order that we should no longer be *"*_____ _____ *with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,"* (v. 14c)

d. Several outcomes that the Lord desires would grow out of these things…

1) that we would be *"speaking the* _____ *in* _____*"* (v. 15a)

2) that we would be *"*_____ _____ *in all things into Him who is the head—Christ"* (v. 15b)

3) that from Christ *"the whole body* (would be)*,* _____ *and* _____ *together by what every joint supplies"* (v. 16a)

4) that from Christ this would be *"according to the* _____ _____ *by which every part does its share"* (v. 16b)

5) the glorious result of all this, so that it *"causes* _____ *of the body for the* _____ *of itself in love.*" (v. 16c)

* As an eternal member of the Universal Church, are you willing to participate in fulfilling these divine objectives through divine enabling for the glory of Christ?