

# LIVE IN MATURITY

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

## **SERMON SUMMARY:**

As we consider Paul's next applications of the gospel in our passage today, Paul links a few important concepts together: The gospel, gifts, and maturity. An odd combination. Yet, when we consider how they go together, we will see that they are necessary ingredients for a healthy church.

## **SERMON OUTLINE:**

### **A Common Problem**

Showing up without growing up.

### **Grace For The Church**

God's grace sets captives free and equips the church.

Spiritual gifts equip the church.

Spiritual maturity is the goal of the gifts.

### **Application**

Be equipped so you can edify others.

Recognize immaturity, and take responsibility for becoming mature.

## **THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:**

- Do you identify with the man who said he felt not like a twenty-two-year-old Christian, but a one-year-old Christian twenty-two times?
- Why do you think it is that many Christ followers do not grow spiritually?
- Talk about what God's grace does for the church.
- What spiritual gifts do you have, and how can you use them to build up others?
- What does it mean to aim at spiritual maturity? And what does spiritual maturity look like?
- What immaturity do you need to take ownership of, and what does bringing that to Jesus look like for you?