

Mission Harvest Baptist Church

Preparing with God: "Glory in the Church"

Intro: In the first half of the Book of Ephesians, we have seen some major truth's in God's word.

- Eph. 1 – Believers are in Christ
- Eph. 2 – Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel of grace [alone!]
- Eph. 3 – Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel of grace to the praise of His glory for all to see

And last week we ended with this monumental fact: *that the body of Christ (the church) ought to be bringing God glory through the Lord Jesus Christ like nothing else in the history of planet Earth.* And while I agree with that concept wholeheartedly, I struggle to understand "how" to do that most days. Today we will discover in the first half of Ephesians 4 that the church brings God maximum glory in two basic ways: _____ and _____.

Chapter 4:1-16

1. Attitude (Eph. 4:1-6)

- An *attitude* of _____ (Eph. 4:1-3)
- An *attitude* of _____ (Unity) (Eph. 4:4-6)

2. Exercise (Eph. 4:7-16; Ps. 68:18)

- We have been given _____ and they need to be *exercised*.

The gifts: apostles (closed), prophets (closed), evangelists, pastors and teachers.

The purpose of the gifts: perfect the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

3. The Goal: GROW UP (Eph. 4:15-16)

4. The Question: Are you willing?

Key Take: *Christ wants His members to _____ the body so that they might be strengthened and filled to display the true magnitude of who He is ("measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ").*