

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:11-16

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Notes:

- flu-ent: (of a person) able to express oneself easily and articulately; able to speak or write a particular foreign language easily and accurately
- "The Gospel is the announcement that Jesus is the divine King of the world who lived, died, and was raised to be the ruler we so desperately need."
—The Bible Project

The purpose of the Gospel message is not to secure a seat in heaven but to secure a relationship with the One who changes lives.

- God uses different types of people to communicate HIS message.
- God uses different types of people but gives one responsibility.
- Equipping the Saints.
- Building up the Body.

The people of the Gospel message are to be increasingly becoming more like the One... Jesus Christ.

- Unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God.
- Fully maturity in Christ.
- Information must have application in order to see transformation.
- Immaturity vs maturity.

The product of the Gospel message is a church unified in function and affection.

- Speak the truth in love.
- Speaking Jesus to others in love.
- He makes the body fit.
- His message makes the body grow.

THIS WEEK...

- Study the truth so you can speak the truth.
- Play your part so the body can be built up.
- Live a life that demands and demonstrates the power of the Gospel.