

One: Studies in Ephesians One: Ephesians 4:1-16 One Body – A fellowship of "differents"

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it^[a] says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1. Maintain the of the body of Christ (4:1-6)

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God the:	God the:	God the:
One body	One Lord	One God
One Spirit	One faith	One Father
One hope	One baptism	One over all

Five Essentials of Unity.

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- 2. Celebrate the in the body of Christ (4:7-15)

Speaking Gifts	Serving Gifts	Sign Gifts
Apostleship	Helps	Tongues
Prophecy	Giving	Interpretation
Evangelism	Leadership	Healing
Shepherding/Pastor	Mercy	Miracles
Teaching	Faith	
Exhortation	Discernment	
Knowledge	Hospitality	
Wisdom		

3. Embrace ______ in the body of Christ 4:16

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Are you doing your part?

Application: My role in the Body of Christ is...

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