

# Body Building Evidence: Growing out of Doctrinal Instability

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*Bible Study Hour*

## Walk in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ in the context of His body the church (1-6)

- The characteristics behind a worthy walk as a church (2a)
- The path to actively pursue a worthy walk as a church (2b-3)
- The foundations of the unity preserved in a worthy walk as a church (4-6)

## As Christ brings about a mature unity in His body by the body (7-16)

- A mature unity through the diversity of Christ's gifts to each person in His body (7-10)
  - All those who are in Christ have been given a spiritual gift (7)
  - As a consequence of Christ's victory (8-10)
  - A mature unity specifically through Christ's equipping gifts to His body (11-16)
    - The identification of those equipping gifts (11)
    - The purpose of the equipping gifts (12)
      - For the purpose of preparing all the saints
      - With the goal of preparing them for the work of service
      - With the final goal that the body of Christ would be built up through the service of all the saints
  - The goal of the body being built up (13) (and what does it look like for the body to be built up?)
    - Attaining doctrinal and experiential unity as a body
      - Unity in the truths of the faith
      - Unity in experiential knowledge of Jesus
    - Attaining mature manhood as a body
    - Attaining Christ-likeness as a body

- The \_\_\_\_\_ that the body is being built up (14-15)

- Not being characterized by the doctrinal \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

- Not tossed and carried about by false doctrine

- Not tossed and carried about by the \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers

- Not tossed and carried about by deceitful doctrinal scheming

- But rather being characterized by growing in maturity as it speaks the truth in love