

# Mature Body Unity: From Christ through Us

(Pastor John Brackbill/Ephesians 4:16/6.7.15)  
Bible Study Hour

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

**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: That the body of Christ would be built up through the service of all the saints (12)
  - The goal of the body being built up (13)
    - Attaining doctrinal and experiential unity as a body
    - Attaining mature manhood as a body
    - Attaining Christ-likeness as a body
  - The evidence that the body is being built up (14-16)
    - Not being characterized by the doctrinal instability of immaturity
      - Not tossed and carried about by false doctrine
      - Not tossed and carried about by the trickery of false teachers
      - Not tossed and carried about by deceitful doctrinal scheming

- But rather being characterized by growing in maturity as the body speaks the truth in love
  - A maturity defined as growing up into Christ
    - A comprehensive growth
    - A Christ-centered growth
  - A maturity defined as growing up into Christ
  - A maturity by means of God's Word communicated in a loving manner

- A maturity sourced \_\_\_\_\_

- A maturity through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body

- As equipping gifts supply \_\_\_\_\_ within the body

- So that all the \_\_\_\_\_ members of the body \_\_\_\_\_ function

- For the building up of the body \_\_\_\_\_