

Growth

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Unity

Ephesians

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A CALL TO UNITY

- **Vss. 1-3 – A plea for unity.**
- **Vss. 4-6 – Everything about spiritual life points to unity.**
- **John 17:20-23 – “That they may be one.”**
- **1 Cor. 1:10 – One in mind and judgment.**

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- **Vs. 13 – The church is to progress toward unity of faith and knowledge.**
- **Vss. 7-11 – Everything the church needs to be unified, God has given us.**

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GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Vs. 7 – To each one: Grace

- Rom. 12:4-8 – Everyone has been given something.

GRACE:

- Forgiveness of sins – Rom. 5:20-21
- Doctrine of Christ – Titus 2:11-12
- Continued blessings – 1 Cor. 16:23

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GRACE:

- The equipment given to each one of us to accomplish our responsibility in the church – Rom. 12:6; Eph. 4:7

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- Rom. 12:4-8 – Everyone has been given something.

GRACE:

- Our task: to discover our gift of grace.
- Discovering and using our gift is each one's obligation.

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Vs. 11 – To some: Teaching gifts

- *Apostles, prophets* – supernatural gifts of instruction, exclusive to 1st century.
- *Evangelists (2 Tim. 2:2, 5), elders and teachers (1 Tim. 5:17)* – not supernatural; for all time; continue today.

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Vs. 11 – To some: Teaching gifts

➤ **Vs. 12 – Purpose of evangelists and elders who teach:**

- **Equipping the saints**
- **For the work of ministry**
- **For the edifying of the body**

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Vs. 13 – End result: unity of faith and knowledge, peace (vs.3)

Vs. 14 – What happens when teachers fail to teach or churches fail to listen and respond.

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Vss. 15-16 – When everyone does their part.

- **Whole body joined and knit together in love**
- **Body built up in faith**
- **Spiritual and numerical growth**

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