

EPH 4:11-16

— THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH —

WHAT THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE — (14)

EDIFY = TO MORALLY + SPIRITUALLY —
UPLIFT — OR ENLIGHTEN

“IN THIS CASE” — TO BECOME A “PERFECT”
BODY AS MEASURED BY CHRIST — (13)

① WITH GIFTS BESTOWED — ①①

(IN VS 11) THESE ARE GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP —
+

— THEY ARE TO LEAD THE CHURCH — BY —
THE HOLY SPIRITS EMPOWERING POWER —

(IN 1 COR 12:8-28) GIFTS TO ALL LAITY —

ONCE AGAIN — GIVEN + EMPOWERED
— BY THE HOLY SPIRIT —

“NOTHING”

IN THE CHURCH — IS LEFT TO MERE
“HUMAN JUDGEMENT” OR “SELF-CHOOSING”

— EVEN AN APOSTLE (ACTS 16:7-8)
WAS NOT PERMITTED TO — CHOOSE —
HIS PLACE OF SERVICE —

② WITH GROUNDED BIBLE TRUTH - (14)

— EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE &
THE SLIGHT OF MEN —

WHICH MEANS:

THEY WILL "ENTRAP OR CAPTURE"

TO "CONTROL" — YOU — THE CHURCH
BY

"DECEPTION" & BEING CONTROLLED
BY THEM —

—
"NOT THE SCRIPTURE & HOLY SPIRIT"

③ WITH GRACE & UNITY - (15-16)

"THE STANDARD" — "LOVE" — IN THE (15)
COMMUNICATION OF TRUTH —

"THE SUCCESS" — "BE GROWN UP" (15)
IN CHRIST — (FUNCTIONING)

AS WE — AS HEAD — LEADS —

"THE STRUCTURE" — (16) "JOINED"
TOGETHER — EACH CONTRIBUTING
— WITH THEIR "GIFT" —

- FOR - THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY -
(vs 12, 16)

(11-12) "THE GIFTS" (ASSIGNED)

- IT STARTS WITH THE "LEADERSHIP" -
"APOSTLES" - "PROPHETS" - "EVANGELISTS" -
"PASTORS + TEACHERS" -

- ASSIGNED BY CHRIST "THRU" THE
HOLY SPIRIT -

- DIVIDED IN 3 SECTIONS -
GIFTS TO DEAL WITH :

I SITUATIONS - (IN THE BODY)

IN THE FIRST - IS "APOSTLES" -

A TO GUIDE THE CHURCH -

- (AS THE SPIRIT GIVES LEADERSHIP) -
- APOSTLES -

IN THE EARLY CHURCH - THEY WERE
SOUGHT OUT - BY THE CHURCH -
FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP & WILL -
&

WERE "PRIMARY" APOSTLES
WHO

HAD "SEEN" & WERE TAUGHT
BY CHRIST - IN HIS RESURRECTION
= = =

^{KNOW?}
"SECONDARY APOSTLES" — OR
ELDERS — GIFTED & CALLED BY
CHRIST —

HOW THEY WORK:

(IN 1 PETER 5: 2-3)

NOT BY CONSTRAINT — "WILLINGLY" —

NOT FOR GAIN OF WEALTH —

WITH "A READY MIND" — (WHICH IS)

AN EARNEST DESIRE TO SACRIFICE —
FOR CHRIST — & — MOTIVATED BY
— "A SINCERE LOVE" — TO SERVE —

(PS 100: 2) "SERVE THE LORD WITH —
"GLADNESS" —

"PROPHETS"
TO "EQUIP THE CHURCH" — WITH WHAT
THEY — OUGHT TO KNOW —

PROCLAIMING & EXPOUNDING —
"SCRIPTURE" BY —
— REVELATION —

II] SINNERS - "LOST" (EVANGELISTS)

PEOPLE WHO ARE GIFTED IN --
PRESENTING "THE GOSPEL" --

"ALL SHOULD"

BUT SOME CALLED: (2 TIM 4:5)
"DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST"

III] SAINTS - "SAVED" (IN THE BODY) (PASTORS & TEACHERS)

TO TEND THE FLOCK - (SHEPHERD)
CALLED "UNDER SHEPHERDS"
(1 PETER 5:2)

"FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD
WHICH IS AMONG YOU -- TAKING THE
OVERSIGHT OF THEM"

A] RESPONSIBILITY -

TO FEED: "MAKE & PROVIDE"
MEALS OF "SPIRITUAL FOOD" --
FOR:

"GROWTH" IN THE LORD -- & --
"HEALTH" IN THE SPIRIT --

WHICH WILL:

③ ② RESULT IN -

THE CHURCH BEING:

"ENCOURAGED" - "PROTECTED" -
"GUIDED" - + "LEAD" - INTO THE
- WILL OF GOD -
"TO"

- GROW UP + COME OF AGE -

- THE PURPOSE - ②

I] FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE
SAINTS -

① SAINTS -

SAVED - SEGREGATED - +
SEPERATED - "IN CHRIST"

"BIRTHED"
"OUT OF DARKNESS" - (WHERE
THERE IS "WEeping" + "WAILING"
+ GNASHING OF TEETH) "TO"

[NEVER MORE ~~TO BE~~ "POSSIBLE"]
TO BE A PART OF =
"NOW"

SAINTS - THOSE SAVED

BY GRACE ~ AND BECOME A PART
OF ~ THE BODY OF CHRIST

(A JEWEL ~ IN HIS CROWN) ~

"A UNION" FORMED BY
CHRIST ~ "BETWEEN" ~ YOU & HIM
"WHICH"

NEITHER HEAVEN ~ NOR EARTH ~ NOR
HELL ~ NOR TIME ~ NOR ETERNITY

~ ~ ~ CAN EVER BREAK ~ ~ ~
"BUT"

CAN BE:

② PERFECTED - (12-13)

PUZZLE

BE "FITTED" TOGETHER INTO ONE BODY ~

PICTURE

TO
SERVE THE "END" & "OBJECT" AIMED AT ~

① THE WORK OF MINISTRY

OUR GIFTS AS MEMBERS ARE FOR ~
"ENABLEING" US TO SERVE ~
"ONE ANOTHER" & "OUR LORD"

② TILL WE ALL COME INTO UNITY -
- OF FAITH & FAITHFULNESS -

BECOME OF ONE MIND - AS
TO "OUR FAITH" & BE FAITHFUL

TO OUR CALLING - IN CHRIST -
(TO BUILD UP THE BODY)

③ TILL WE ALL SPEAK TRUTH -
IN LOVE & UNITY -

④ LOVE = THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT
PATIENCE - KIND - FORGIVING -

⑤ BOUND TOGETHER -

(WITH CHRIST & EACH OTHER)

- HE IS THE HEAD - "OUR HEAD"

II] FOR THE PRODUCT DESCRIBED -

(16)

(12 & 16)

⑬ EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST -

⑭ EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE -

CHRIST AS THE HEAD -- THE WHOLE
BODY -- FITLY JOINED TOGETHER --
-- IN PROPER PROPORTION & BALANCE --
COMPACTED;

EVERY PART OF THE BODY, EVEN
THE SMALLEST PARTS (HOWEVER SMALL
AND INSIGNIFICANT) SHOULD BE CONFORMED
TO

"BE WORTHY OF THE HEAD" -- --

-- WITH NO CLASHES OR DEFECT --

FITED -- TOGETHER IN LOVE -- SO TO

EDIFY -- THE CHURCH -- AS --
THE BODY OF CHRIST

"UNIFORMITY" ^{NOT IN} BUT "UNITED"
FOR CHRIST -- "ALONE" --

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-- IN CHRIST ALONE -- I TAKE MY STAND --
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-- CONCLUSION --

PAUL'S CONCERN THAT THE CHURCH AT
EPHESUS -- AN ALL WHO WOULD --
ULTIMATELY READ THIS LETTER --
"MIGHT"

GROW UP SPIRITUALLY -- & -- LOOK
AT CHRIST -- LOOK, LIVE, BE, "LIKE HIM" --
-- STC -- CHRIST