

BRINGING UNITY FROM DIVERSITY, PART 2
(Ephesians 4:12-16)

- I. The Preparation for MINISTRY (Eph. 4:12)
 - A. EQUIPPING of the SAINTS
 - 1. By teaching them GOD'S WORD (2 Tm. 3:16-17)
 - 2. By teaching them to PRAY (Col. 4:12)
 - B. WORK of SERVICE
 - C. BUILDING of the BODY

- II. The Pinnacle of MATURITY (Eph. 4:13)
 - A. Attaining UNITY of the FAITH
 - 1. Not a mutual TRUST in CHRIST
 - 2. But a unified UNDERSTANDING of DOCTRINE
 - B. Attaining KNOWLEDGE of the SON
 - 1. Not acknowledging Christ for SALVATION
 - 2. But a RELATIONAL knowledge for SANCTIFICATION

- C. Becoming a “MATURE MAN” (cf. 2:15)
 - 1. Not PERSONAL spiritual growth
 - 2. But the maturation of the CHURCH to the FULLNESS of Christ

III. The Purpose of UNITY (Eph. 4:14-16)

- A. For INDIVIDUALS (4:14-15)
 - 1. Avoiding INSTABILITY by DISCERNING sound DOCTRINE
 - 2. Increasing MATURITY by “TRUTHING” in LOVE
- B. For the BODY (4:16)
 - 1. CONSTRUCTED and COHERING by Christ’s sovereignty
 - 2. FUNCTIONING through individual USE of the GIFTS Christ has provided
 - 3. GROWING and STRENGTHENING itself in LOVE
 - 4. All depending upon the POWER of CHRIST