

Ephesians 4:4-16

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 4:4-6 Seven basic realities uniting all true Christians:
 1. One Body—Each believer is a member of the body of Christ, placed there at the moment of salvation.
 2. One Spirit—The same Holy Spirit indwells each believer. He is the inner unifying force in the body.
 3. One Hope of your calling—Christ’s resurrection ensures your resurrection to eternal life.
 4. One Lord—Jesus Christ died for us, lives for us, and one day will come for us.
 5. One Faith—We are to contend for the content of the revealed Word of God.
 6. One Baptism—Water baptism identifies a person as belonging to Christ. The baptism of the Spirit is the unifying mark of believers.
 7. Our one God and Father, along with the Son and the Holy Spirit, is over all and through all and in all.
- 2) 4:7 The Lord has measured out the exact proportion of each believer’s gift. They are determined solely by God’s sovereign and gracious will, according to His plan, His purpose, and His measure.
- 3) 4:8 When the Savior was exalted, He sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). With the coming of the Spirit came the spiritual gifts to the church.
- 4) 4:11 Apostles and prophets have passed from the scene (Ephesians 2:20), but the foundation they laid is that on which the church has been built.
- 5) 4:11 The work of the evangelist is to preach and to explain the good news of salvation for the advancement of the Kingdom.
- 6) 4:11 Pastors-teachers are defined by the care, protection, and leadership they show for the flock and by their ministry of teaching.
- 7) 4:12 God has given basic tools for equipping the saints: His Word and Prayer.

- 8) 4:12 Proper equipping by the evangelists and pastor-teachers leading to proper service by the congregation results inevitably in the building up of the body of Christ.
- 9) 4:13 When believers are properly taught, when they faithfully do the work of service, when the body is built up in spiritual maturity, unity of the faith is the evident result.
- 10) 4:14 Neither the tricks nor the deceitful scheming of Satan will mislead the spiritually equipped.

GREEK WORDS

Euangelistēs—those who proclaim good news
Parakaleō—exhort; to call near
Katartismos—(equipping); - that which is fit or restored to its original condition [made complete]
Kubia (koo-bi'-ah)—trickery; [cube] used of gambling, dice-playing
Panourgia (pan-oorg-ee'-ah)—craftiness; clever manipulation; inaccuracy made to look like truth
Methodeia (meth-od-i'-ah)—[method] :- wile, lie in wait
Alētheuō—speak, deal, or act truthfully

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