

Unity in Diversity for Maturity

Ephesians 4:1–16

[Christ, the Gift-Giver; Leaders, the Facilitators; Saints, the Builders]

Sunday, August 24, 2025 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. CHRIST: THE HEAD

- A. Christ, the gift-giver, the Head of the body (4:7–10)
- B. God's goal: selfless, loving **unity** that reflects the Godhead (4:1–6)

II. LEADERS: THE FACILITATORS

- A. Leaders, equippers, facilitators of the body (4:11–12a)
- B. Leaders' goal: move to **maturity**, no longer being children (4:13–14)

III. SAINTS: THE BUILDERS

- A. Saints, ministers, builders of the body (4:12b, 16)
- B. Saints' goal: growth into Christ in love (4:15–16)

IV. BODYBUILDERS EXERCISE YOUR GIFTS!

- A. Specifics on the loving exercise of our spiritual gifts to build the body to maturity

STRUCTURE

A Bearing with one another *in love* (1–2)

B *Unity* of the Spirit; one *faith*; *measure* of the gift of Christ (3–7)

C When He *ascended*; He *ascended*; He also *descended* (8–9)

C' The one who *descended*; the one who *ascended* (10)

B' *Unity* of the faith; to the *measure* of the stature...of Christ (11–14)

A' Truthful *in love*; building of itself *in love* (15–16)

SERMON NOTES



NEXT WEEK:

Off with the Old, On with the New
Ephesians 4:17–32