

Unity *Ephesians 4:1-16*

1. We are to live a life worthy of the calling we have received v.1 a calling of hope v.4
2. To bear with one another in love. v.2
3. Keep the unity of the Spirit – because there is one body and one Spirit vv.3-6
4. Jesus gives each one grace v.7
5. Jesus gives us gifts v.8
6. (Explanation of the ascension v.9-10)
7. The gifts of grace v.11
8. **For** works of service v.12
9. **Until** ... maturity – our goal v.13-16

❖ **Purpose = discipleship + growth**

- For works of service

❖ **Goal of discipleship = maturity**

- To build up the body of Christ
- Unity
- Knowledge of the Son
- Become mature
- Attain the fullness of Christ

❖ **Jesus gives these 5 ministries/ roles to the church**

- Spiritual gifts are the tools that are given in order to fulfil our role
- For every one – the whole church
- In different proportions
- To share in the ministry of Jesus
- Each have a different emphasis
- We usually have a 'base' ministry and often a 'phase' ministry

❖ **1. Apostle**

One who is sent out

- Entrepreneurial, adventurous, risk taking

❖ **2. Prophet**

One who hears and speaks on God's behalf

- To instruct, comfort, encourage, rebuke, convict, and stimulate, their hearers
- Discerning, outspoken
- Like spending time alone with God

❖ **3. Evangelist**

One who brings good news

- Affinity with non-Christians
- Challenge the church not to be too inward looking
- Sows seeds
- Creative in talking about Jesus

❖ **4. Pastor/ Shepherd**

One who shepherds God's people

- Likes being with Christians
- Committed to people, caring, supportive
- Establish trust and confidence

❖ **5. Teacher**

One who holds out God's truth

- Persuade and excite
- Teachable; articulate
- Communicate biblical truth in a way that inspires greater obedience to the word