

The Message Notes

Title: Building the Body of Christ

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Text: Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT) Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors, and teachers; their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever, they sound like the truth.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

1. Explain the difference – coming to church and becoming the church:

2. Explain the meaning of I Corinthians 12:13:

3. Explain what it means to identify with the Body of Christ and connect with the Body of Christ:

4. Explain the duties of the minister of the Body and duties of the members:
References: Acts 20:28, Hebrews 11:17

5. Explain how the ministry of the word equips God's people to build the Body of Christ: References: Ephesians 4:12-14, 2 Timothy 3:16

6. Explain how you correct a brother or sister in sin, error, or falling away:
References: Ephesians 4:15, Galatians 6:1-2

7. Explain how you go through trials and disciplines and the results for going through them: References: Hebrews 12:10-111, James 1:2-4

Takeaway:
