

[Ephesians]

Lesson 5

**God Wants the Church
to Have Unity and Grow.
(Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16)**



1. God Wants His Children to Live Worthy of God's Calling.

**WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING
TO WHICH YOU HAVE
BEEN CALLED**



EPHESIANS 4:1

(Ephesians 4:1) *I (Paul) therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech (ask—beg) you that ye walk worthy (right/good) of the vocation (job/position) wherewith ye are called,*

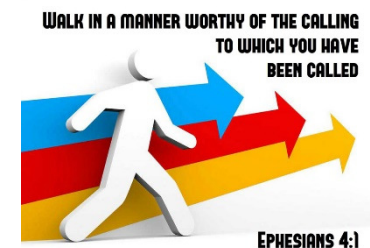


We belong to God—He is in control.

[Acts 12:1-11] God helped Peter escape prison. God could also help Paul escape from prison.

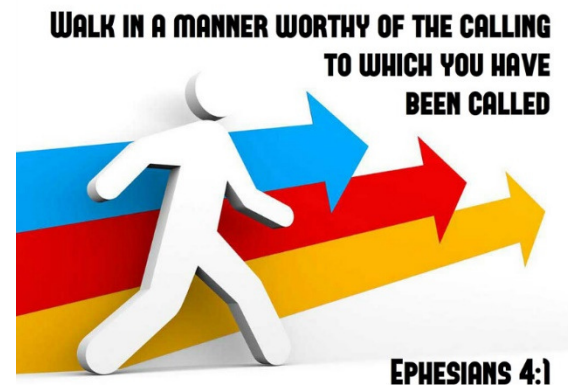
[Eph. 1:3; 2:5-6, 22] Because God has given us all spiritual blessings, we should live holy lives.

*We must act like God's children.



Walk worthy...

(Ephesians 4:2) *With all lowliness (humility) and meekness (gentle), with longsuffering (patience), forbearing (bearing—enduring) one another in love;*



[Rom. 12:3] We need to think correctly about ourselves—we are sinners saved by God's grace.

[Rom. 6:6-13] As we allow the Holy Spirit to control us, we will respond to others God's way.

2. God Wants His Family to Live in Unity.

ONE BODY
SPIRIT
HOPE
LORD
FAITH
BAPTISM
EPH. 4:4-6 **GOD & FATHER**

(Ephesians 4:3) **Endeavouring** (*trying*) to **keep** the **unity of the Spirit in the bond** (*join*) of peace.



Every believer is responsible to avoid making problems and divisions in the church.

When the Holy Spirit controls us, we will be able to “keep the unity”.

(Ephesians 4:4-6) *There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; (5) **One Lord**, **one faith**, **one baptism**, (6) **One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

1. [Rom. 6:3] We all are members of the same **body**—The Church

2. [Rom. 8:9] The same **Holy Spirit** dwells in each of us.

3. [Rom. 8:23-25, 10-11] We are all excited for the same **hope**—that Jesus will return, and we will be with Him and like Him forever.

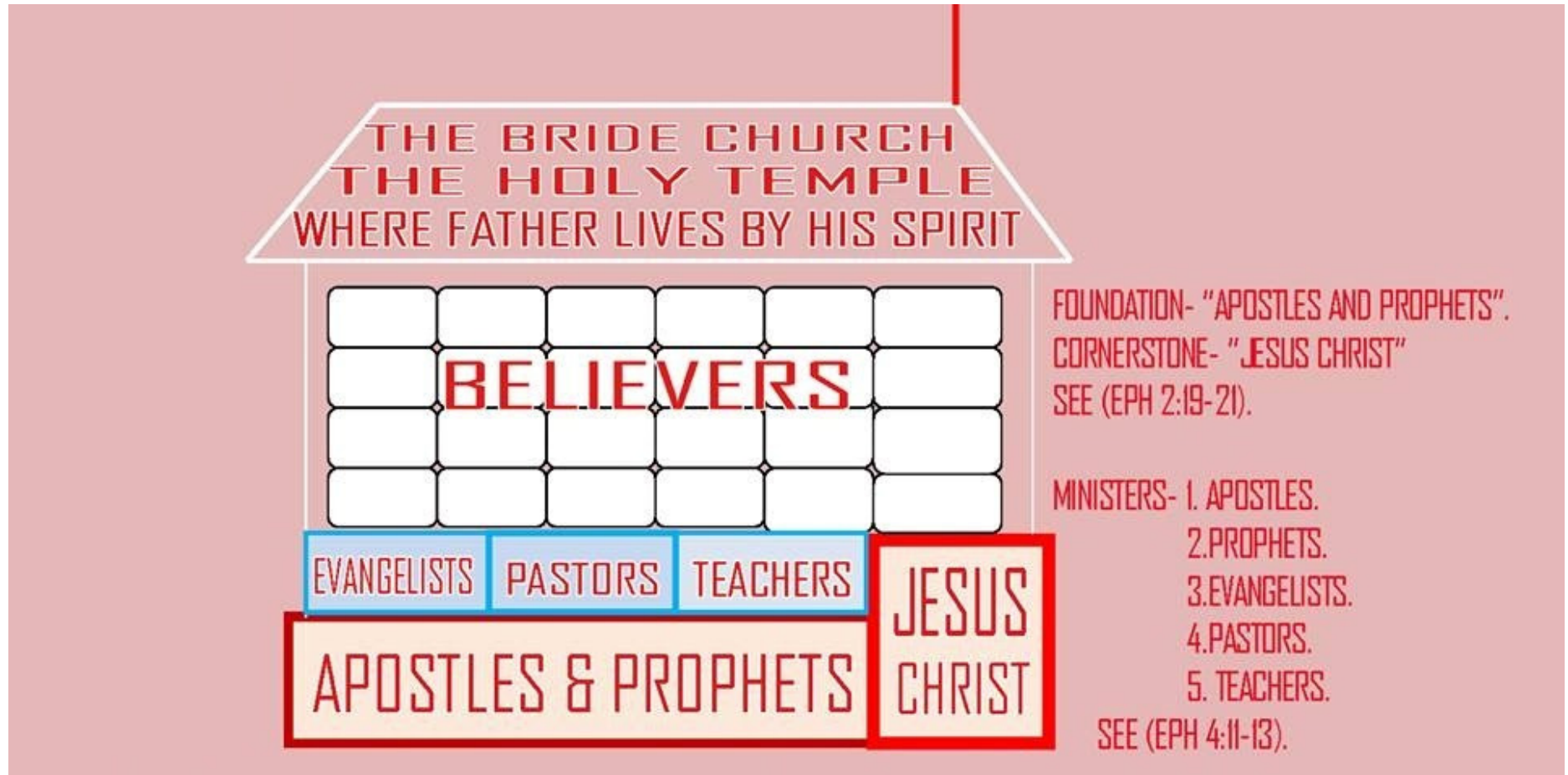
4. We all serve the same **Lord**—King Jesus

5. We all have the same **faith**—trusting the Bible about Jesus and our salvation.

6. We all had the same **baptism**—The Holy Spirit putting us into the Body of Christ.

7. [Rom. 8:14-16] We have the same God and Father—we all are His children

3. Gifted Men Must Teach the Church So We Will Grow Together in Christ.



(Ephesians 4:7) *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.*

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Ephesians 4:7

[Rom. 12:4-8] Christ gives all of us strength and wisdom to do different types of spiritual work for Him in His Church.

(Ephesians 4:11) *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

[Eph. 4:11-12] **Apostles** and **prophets** are the “foundation of the church” — The Holy Spirit gave the Bible through them. After the Bible was completed, the Holy Spirit gave no more Apostles and Prophets.

Evangelists bring the Gospel to people and trains the church to witness.

Pastors and **Teachers** feed the Church with Bible teaching.

Pastors are also called **elders** (**spiritual maturity**) and **bishops/overseers** (**responsibility to lead, manage, and protect**).

[Acts 20:17-28] Paul met the Ephesian pastors/elders at Miletus.

4. God Wants Every Part of His Body to Grow and Work.



(Ephesians 4:12-13) *For the perfecting (spiritual growth) of the saints, for the work of the ministry (church service), for the edifying (encouraging) of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature (same level) of the fulness of Christ:*

All believers need to grow spiritually; they need to be involved in the service of the church; they need to be encouraged so they won't become distracted, lazy, or quit.

Our goal is for each of us to become like Jesus.

***Not Easily Moved by Problems and False teachings.**



**No
Longer be
Children**

**Ephesians 4.14,
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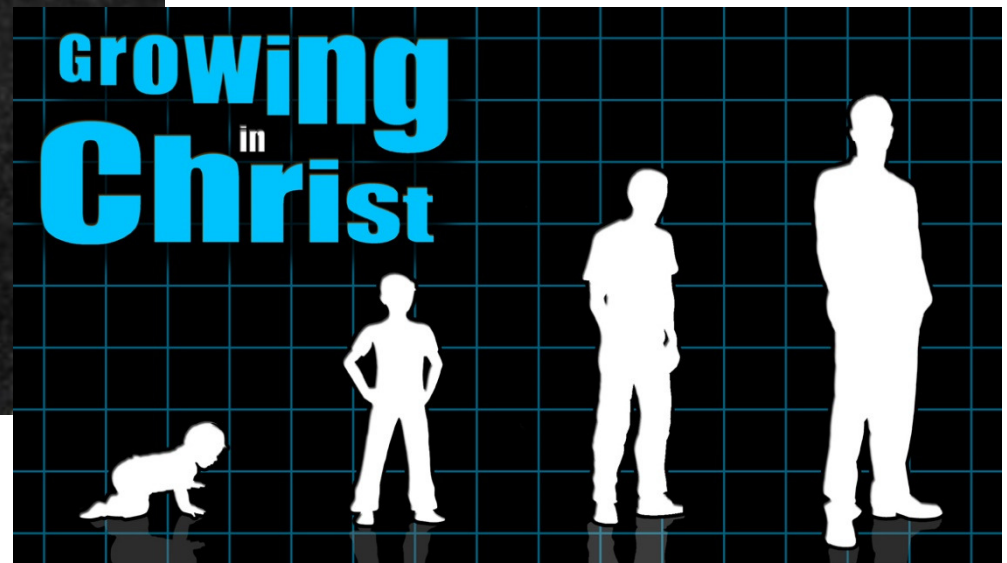
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“unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the
stature of the fulness of Christ” (Ephesians 4.13)

(Ephesians 4:14) *That we henceforth (now continue) be no more children, tossed to and fro (pushed here and there), and carried about (led around) with every wind of doctrine (different teachings), by the sleight of men (try to fool), and cunning craftiness (false teaching), whereby they lie in wait to deceive (fool you);*

*Baby Christians are like a small boat in the sea during a storm. They go all over the place.

(Ephesians 4:15) *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*



God wants us to lovingly teach the Bible to others, and continue to grow becoming more and more like Jesus.

***Each member making the Church strong**

BUILDING TOGETHER

Ephesians 4:16

'From him the whole body,
joined and held together by
every supporting ligament,
grows and builds itself up in
love, as each part does it's
work'



(Ephesians 4:16) *From whom (Jesus) the whole body (Church) fitly joined together and compacted (unified) by that which every joint (member) supplieth (gives), according to the effectual working in the measure of every part (member), maketh increase (helps to grow) of the body unto the edifying of itself (making strong the body) in love.*

*We must be connected to each other and to Christ for the Body to work well.