

Speaking the Truth in Love

(Ep 4:10-16) ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that **He might fill all things**. ¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, ¹³till we all come to the **unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son** of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**; ¹⁴that we should no longer be **children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of **deceitful** plotting, ¹⁵but, **speaking the truth in love**, may **grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶**from whom** the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Goal: Jesus fills everything

(Ep 1:10) ¹⁰that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in **Him**.

Plan: the Church with Anointed Leaders

1. every believer Equipped for Ministry
2. the Church continually Encouraged

Tipping point: Corporate Maturity

1. Unity based in Him
2. intimate Knowledge of Him
3. **Expression of His Fullness**

Problem: Immaturity leading to Deception

primary deception regarding His Love - doorway to Fullness

(Ep 3:17-19) ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹to **know the love of Christ** which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God**.

Solution: continual expression of His Love

how we grow up into Him

Result: His Fullness flowing from Him through the entire Church

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misunderstood - not primarily about correction

We probably shouldn't correct until we can express love.

1. Love tells the Truth (loving enough to care)
story - "help him" (\$20 or 20 minutes)
2. Love chooses to tell the Highest Truth
story - prophet and our messes
 - A. Highest Truth is Jesus (Jn 14:6)
 - B. **Highest Truth is who we are in Him!**

His loving perspective moves us toward fullness

The Purpose of the Prophetic is to speak Highest Truth in Love

(1Co 14:3) ³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

(Phl 1:9) ⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

Revelation is tied to our ability to love

The Post Information Conversation

story - girl wanting attention

(1Co 8:1) Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

step 1 - information (knowledge)

step 2 - revelation: conversation to get His loving perspective

story - Graham Cook: knife in the back

prophetic team/worship team (2 Ki 3:15)