

## **Ephesians 4**

### verses 1-6

Walk Worthy of His Calling (Sit, Walk, Stand)

Called, Equipped (Inheritance), Empowered (Eph 1:17-19)  
to Reveal His Fullness (Eph 1:22-23, 2:7, 3:10, 19, 4:13)  
from our Position In Him (Eph 1:3, 2:6)

Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Love, Unity, Peace (One Another)

Fruit of Abiding in Him - Culture of His Kingdom

Work at Unity (no disunity in Spirit), Bound by Peace (not conformity)

One Body, Spirit, Lord, Faith, Baptism (into Christ), Father God (Family)

One Hope of your Calling (Eph 1:18) - into His Body (not independent)

Father: Highest Authority, Complete Awareness, Personal Attention

### verses 7-10

every believer is Empowered (Grace) with a Measure of Gifting (Rom 12:3-8)

He Descended into lower parts of Earth, Ascended to Throne to Fill all (Eph 1:10, 23)

Gifts come after Ascension (Jn 16:7)

heart of Earth 3 days (Mt 12:40)

Sheol (Hades), not Hell (Gehenna) (Ps 16:10)

Abraham's Bosom - Hades: torment, comfort (Lk 16:19-31)

Led Captivity Captive

Preached to spirits in Prison (1 Pe 3:19)

Keys of Death & Hades (Rev 1:18)

Dead Raised when Veil Torn (Mt 27:51-53)

Patriarchs of Faith didn't receive Promise, not Perfected apart from us (Heb 11:39-40)

### verses 11-12

Five Fold Ministry Gifts (to the Church, not Individuals)

Equip Saints for Ministry Work

Build Up Christ's Body

5 different Passions/Perspectives/Purposes (Paul had 3, 2 Tim 1:11)

Apostle: Messenger, Sent One (of Christ), Foundation Builder (Eph 2:20)

Paul: Master Builder, focused on Cornerstone (1 Cor 3:10-11)

Pre-eminence in All Things (Col 1:18)

Prophet: Foreteller of God, Foundation Builder (Eph 2:20)

Alignment with Heaven (Elijah, 1 Ki 18)

Evangelist: Bringer of Good News - focused on Lost

Pastor: Shepherd - focused on Care of Church (Mercy)

Teacher: Instructor - focused on Doctrine/Information

(1Co 12:28) And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets,  
third teachers, after that ...

Vertical (God) vs Horizontal (People) - both necessary, Vertical First (Order)

1. Pre-eminence of Christ

2. Alignment with Heaven

3. Sound Doctrine

False Apostles (2 Cor 11:11-13) - “desire opportunity to be regarded”

(1Sa 15:24) <sup>24</sup>Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

(Ephesus commended for testing false apostles, Rev 2:2)

False Prophets (Mt 24:11, 24) - expected in End Times

we must Test their Fruit (Mt 7:15, Eph 4:2-3)

What happens when Evangelists/Pastors/Teachers Adjust Foundation? (People Focus)

False Teachers (2 Pe 2:1-3) - “exploit by covetousness” (Consumer Mentality)

(2Ti 4:3-4) <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup>and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Balance! - Strengths and Weaknesses in Body (ex: Prophets and Pastors)

verses 13-16

Goal: Unity, Knowledge of Jesus (Eph 1:17), Fullness

Obstacle: Immaturity and Instability through Deception (why Teachers 3<sup>rd</sup>)

(Col 2:2-10) <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. <sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup>and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Method: Lovingly Calling us to who we are in Christ (Eph 1-3)

Result: Effective Body - Connected by Each doing its Share (Eph 2:21-22)