

GOD'S GOALS FOR HIS CHURCH
Ephesians 4:1-16

I. God Requires Our Maturity → Resulting in Our Oneness and Unity 4:1-3

II. God's Character Involves Oneness 4:4-6

- A. Oneness involving the Holy Spirit 4:4
- B. Oneness involving the Son 4:5
- C. Oneness involving God the Father 4:6

III. God Has Given Gifts to Mature Us 4:7-10

- A. The giver of these gifts is Christ _____ 4:7
- B. The lavish supply by the victorious _____ 4:8-10

1. Two different ideas:

- a. Jesus descended into _____ (cf. Lk 16:19-31) and lead out _____ (cf. 1 Peter 3:8-10)
- b. Jesus descended to _____ and _____

2. Read Ps 68:18-19 with Judges 5:12 and compare Col 2:13-15.

C. The Gifts for the church 4:11

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

D. God's Goals for His Church 4:12-16

- 1. Goal one: the equip the saints _____ vs. 12
 - a. not just seminarians
 - b. _____ believers
- 2. Goal two: to attain _____ vs. 13
 - a. not just union, but oneness
 - b. unity in _____
 - c. unity in the clear _____

3. Goal three: to become _____ vs. 13
 - a. by experiencing His _____ and His _____
 - b. unto the standard of the _____ of Jesus Christ

4. Goal four: to become _____ vss. 14-15
 - a. being grounded
 - the great danger of immature faith is _____
 - compare James 1:2-12; Acts 20:29-31; 1 Cor 3:1-2
 - b. growing up
 - expressing truth _____

5. Goal five: to involve all saints _____ and _____
 - a. All must work or the body grows _____ and _____
 - b. So neither _____ nor _____
 - c. All must work together in _____
 - d. All must be involved
 - cf. 1 Cor 12:12-27