

Gifts that Grow the Church

Ephesians 4:1-16

Appeal for Unity



**I can BEE
HUMBLE**

by showing respect to
others and putting their
interests before mine.

- ▶ Lowliness - Humble
- ▶ Meekness - Strength Under Control
- ▶ Longsuffering - Patience
- ▶ Forbearing - Expressing Patience
- ▶ [Eph 4:1-6 KJV] 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

and blessed are the meek
for they shall inherit the earth.



Patience is not
the ability to wait,
but the ability
to keep a good
attitude while waiting.

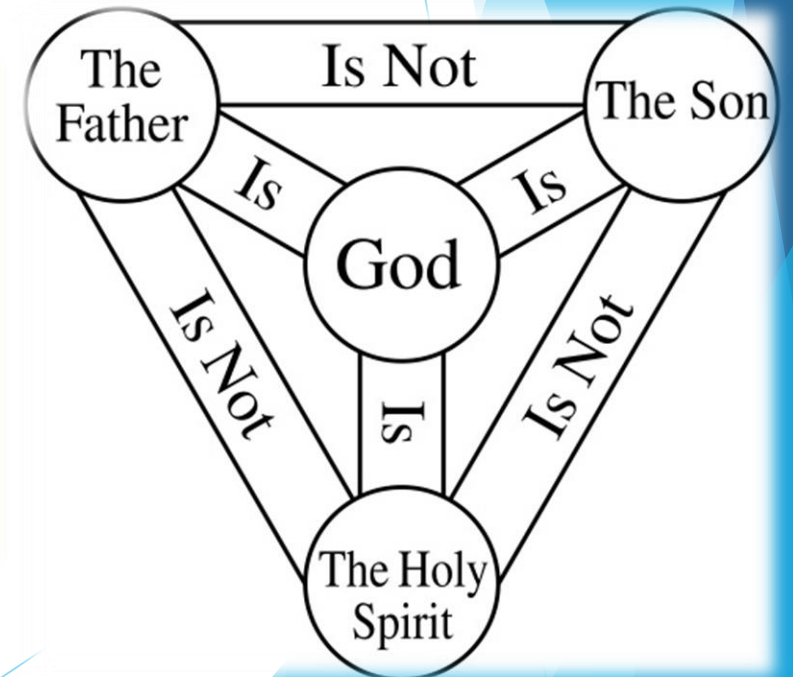
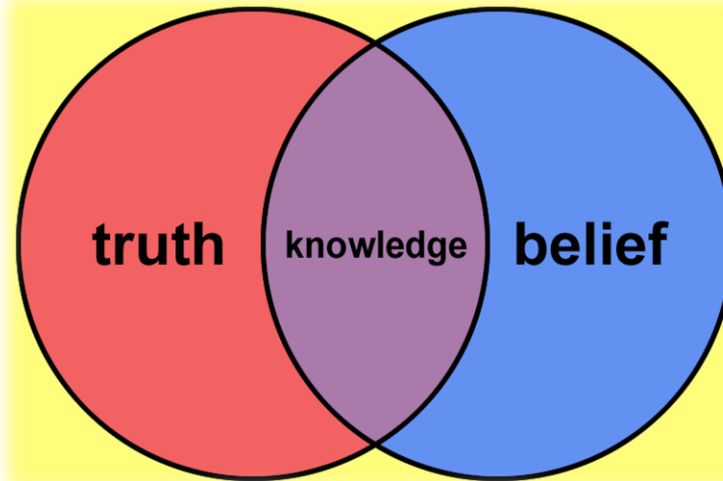
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Basis for Unity



- ▶ Ephesians 4:4-6 4 [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.

My FAITH
IN **JESUS CHRIST**
IS
STRENGTHENED
WHEN I
OBEY



Source of the Gifts

- ▶ [Eph 4:7-10 KJV] 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

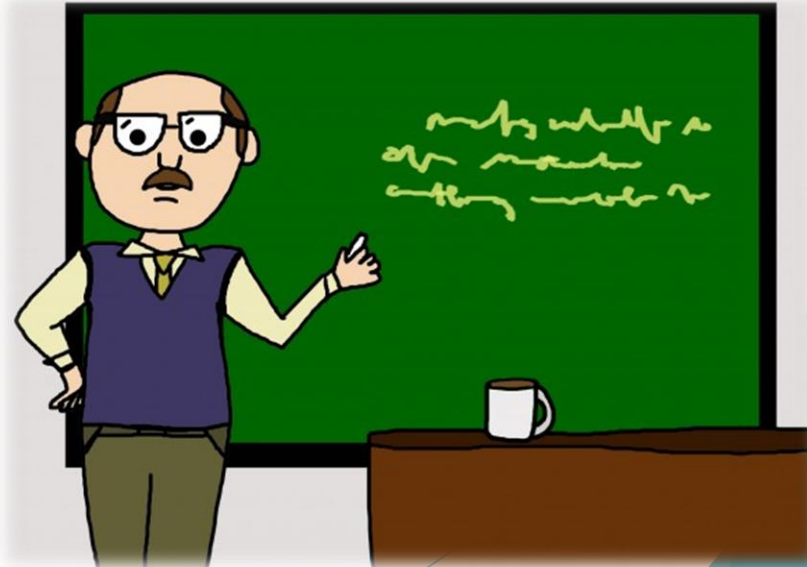
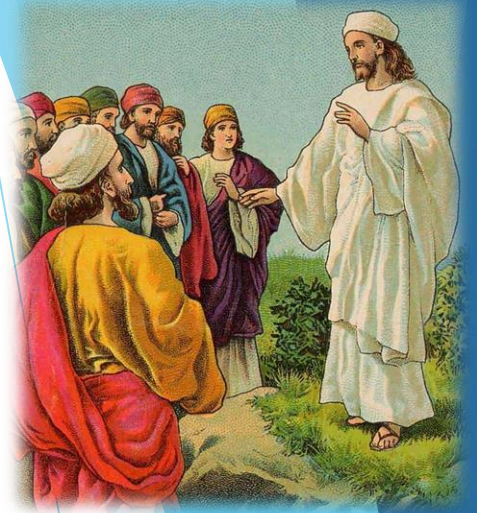
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CONSIDER
THE
SOURCE



Purpose of the Gifts

- ▶ Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:



Spiritual Maturity

- ▶ [Eph 4:13-14 NKJV] 13 till 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; 14 that 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,



**Maturity isn't
proportional with age.
Some develop early,
some develop late, and
some never.**

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**SOMETIMES PROBLEMS
DON'T REQUIRE A
SOLUTION TO SOLVE
THEM; INSTEAD THEY
REQUIRE MATURITY
TO OUTGROW THEM.**

-Steve Maraboli

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Spiritual Growth

- ▶ Ephesians 4:15 but, 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.



