



Every Part Does Its Share

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight, we begin to prepare for February; so, what's in February? Only one of the greatest ministry teams ever assembled by mankind! Our very own preachers and preacherettes! They will be bringing the messages all month. Praise God for our little church that can!

Ephesians 4:11-16 ¹¹ *'And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,* ¹² *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,* 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,* 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.'*

1) We have _____ been _____!

The Greek word for *call* means *summons*. We all were called out of darkness into His marvelous light!

Ephesians 4:6 - bonus

'one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.'

2) The _____ is in the _____.

Sorry - nostalgia!

How many of you know you belong here? Seriously! And all of us have a role. If you are not doing anything, find out where you can.

Ephesians 4:7-8 ***'But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."***

3) _____ has received a _____ for _____.

You may not think you have --- but you have. In ***Ephesians 4:11-12***.

Ephesians 4:11-12 --- our Face of Grace ***founding verses***. But why? Because our mission is to train people up in using their gifts, and by giving people opportunities not found elsewhere.

The gifts listed in these verses --- they have a purpose - responsible Christians equip each other --- we grow together and finally, have maturity, love and truth.

Ephesians 4:14 '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, '

4) We should not be _____ in our Christian lives!

Rather, we should grow up in love. Are you growing up or are you still throwing tantrums with friends, family, and God? Why?

If you are not producing a fruit --- you should ask yourself *why*. Our ministry team will be teaching us the opposite of the fruits of the Spirit as well, so hopefully, we will recognize where we can do better. They will be showing how to recover and how to begin producing good fruit.

5) Just by _____ to Face of Grace, you are doing your _____!

That is where it starts! Showing up --- and being edified.

Edified: to instruct and improve in moral and religious knowledge.

In short, it means to build up. The more you grow, the more you will recognize you have a role here. All of our words, testimonies, scriptures --- they edify. We grow closer --- we sense belonging and acceptance.

6) ***Edifying of itself in*** _____.

Love is the ultimate characteristic we are looking for and the fruit of the Spirit starts there.

Goals of tonight's message

- To show we are all called
- To show we all have gifts
- To encourage participation
- To protect against false teaching and confusion
- To encourage you to do your share
 - Food, music, cleaning, speaking, showing up, praying.....

Let's pray.