

Ephesians 4:7-16 • Working Properly

Remember / Review

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**

Ephesians 1:9 making known to us the **mystery of his will**, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, **to unite all things in him**, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,

Ephesians 1:22 And he (Father) put all things under his (Son) feet and gave him (Son) as head over all things to **the church**,

Ephesians 1:23 **which is his body**, the **fullness** of him who **fills** all in all.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:22 In him you also are being **built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit**.

Ephesians 3:10 so that through the **church** the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the **rulers** and **authorities** in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with **power through his Spirit** in your inner being,

Ephesians 3:17 so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith—that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**,

Ephesians 3:18 may have strength to **comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to **know (experience) the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled** with all the **fullness of God**.

Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a **manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called**,

Ephesians 4:2 with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, **bearing with one another in love**,

Ephesians 4:3 eager to maintain the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:4 There is **one body** and **one Spirit**—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

Background

John 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: **it is to your advantage that I go away**, for **if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you**. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Matthew 28:16 Now the eleven **disciples** went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

Matthew 28:17 And when they saw him they **worshiped him**, but some doubted.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth **has been given to me**.”

Matthew 28:19 **Go therefore** and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

Acts 1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with **all that Jesus began to do** and teach,

Acts 1:2 **until the day when he was taken up**, after he had given commands through the **Holy Spirit** to the **apostles** whom he had chosen.

Acts 1:3 He presented himself **alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

Acts 1:4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, he said, “you heard from me;

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time **restore the kingdom to Israel?**”

Acts 1:7 He said to them, “**It is not for you to know** times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

Acts 1:8 But **you will receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my **witnesses in Jerusalem** and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, **he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

Acts 1:10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,

Acts 1:11 and said, “Men of Galilee, **why do you stand looking into heaven?** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

Ephesians 4:7 But **grace** was **given to each one of us** according to the **measure of Christ's gift**.

John 1:16 For **from his fullness** we have all received, **grace upon grace**.

1Corinthians 12:4 Now there are **varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit**;

1Corinthians 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Romans 12:4 For as in **one body** we have **many members**, and the **members do not all have the same function**,

Romans 12:5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them**: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

Romans 12:7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

Romans 12:8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1Peter 4:10 As **each has received a gift, use it to serve one another**, as **good stewards of God's varied grace**:

Ephesians 4:8 Therefore it says, "When **he ascended on high he led a host of captives**, and **he gave gifts to men**."

Psalms 68:17 The **chariots of God** are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; **the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary**.

Psalms 68:18 You **ascended on high**, leading a **host of captives in your train** and **receiving gifts** among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

“Thus the psalm focuses on the conqueror who acquired the spoils from the defeated, while Paul’s adaptation of the truth of the psalm focuses on how that conqueror distributed the spoils to his own.”

*“Brethren in Christ, everything that makes up our captivity, Christ has led captive. Moral evil he has defeated, the difficulties and trials of this mortal life he has virtually overcome. There is nothing in heaven, or earth, or hell, that can be thought to be against us which now remaineth, he hath taken all away. The law he hath fulfilled; its curse he hath removed: the handwriting against us, he hath nailed to his cross. All foes of ours he hath made a show of openly.
What joy there is to us in this triumph!”*

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, **that through death he might destroy (render powerless) the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,**

Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and **put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

Ephesians 4:9 (In saying, “**He ascended,**” what does it mean but that he had also **descended into the lower regions, the earth?**

Ephesians 4:10 He who **descended** is the one who also **ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.**)

Ephesians 4:11 And **he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,**

Ephesians 4:12 to **equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,**

Ephesians 4:13 until **we all attain to the unity** (*oneness*) **of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to **mature** (*complete*) **manhood**, to the **measure** of the stature (*life*) of the **fullness of Christ**,

Ephesians 4:14 so that we may no longer be **children, tossed to and fro** by the waves and carried about by every **wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.**

Ephesians 4:15 Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to **grow up** in every way into **him who is the head, into Christ**,

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the **whole body, joined and held together** by every **joint with which it is equipped**, when each part is **working properly**, makes the **body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**

Summary

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Experiencing the love of Christ is the means through which we are filled with all the fullness of Christ. The means of experiencing the love of Christ that leads to fullness is when each individual member of the body uses his individual giftedness to love other members. This is what working properly looks like.

