

Ephesians 4:25-32 • God's Plan for Unity in Christ

God's eternal purpose is to reveal His glorious grace to His adopted sons and daughters that results in them valuing Christ above everything and becoming the means of unity and love within His Body, the church.

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace,

Ephesians 1:8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

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.**

Step One towards uniting all things...

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

*God restored **unity** between **God and man** by redeeming us and forgiving us.*

Step Two towards uniting all things...

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were **far off** have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Ephesians 2:14 For **he himself is our peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

Ephesians 2:15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might **create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,**

Ephesians 2:16 and might **reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross,** thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians 3:6 This mystery is that the **Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body,** and **partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

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and forgiving us.*

Step Three towards uniting all things...

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—

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

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 of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to mature manhood, to the measure of the **stature of the fullness of Christ**,

*God fosters **unity** between **man and man** by giving to the heirs various gifts, so that we become **interdependent** on our fellow heirs.*

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**.

Ephesians 4:22 to **put off your old self**, which belongs to your **former manner of life** and is corrupt through **deceitful desires**,

Ephesians 4:23 and to **be renewed in the spirit of your minds**,

Ephesians 4:24 and to **put on the new self**, created after the **likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness**.

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, **having put away falsehood** (lies), let each one of you **speak the truth with his neighbor**, for we are **members one of another**.

2Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves**, to see whether **you are in the faith**. Test **yourselves**. Or do you not realize this about **yourselves**, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Ephesians 4:26-27

Be angry and do not sin;
do not let the sun go down **on your anger**,
and give no **opportunity to the devil**.

Ephesians 4:28

Let the **thief no longer steal**, but rather let him labor,

doing **honest work** with his own hands,
so that
he may have **something to share with anyone in need.**

Ephesians 4:29

Let no **corrupting** (*rotten, diseased, putrid, bad*) **talk** come **out of your mouths**,
but only such as is
good for building up, as fits the occasion,
that it **may give grace to those who hear.**

Matthew 15:18 But what comes **out of the mouth proceeds from the heart**, and
this defiles a person.

Matthew 7:15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but
inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 7:16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from
thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Matthew 7:17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the **diseased** tree bears
bad fruit.

Matthew 13:47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into
the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

Matthew 13:48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the
good into containers but threw away the **bad**.

Matthew 13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and
separate the evil from the righteous

Matthew 13:50 and **throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Ephesians 4:30 And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were
sealed for the day of redemption.

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 1:14 who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we **acquire possession of it**, to the praise of his glory.

1Thessalonians 5:19 Do not **quench the Spirit**.

Ephesians 4:31

Let all **bitterness** and **wrath** and **anger** and **clamor** and **slander**
be **put away from you**,
along with all **malice**.

Ephesians 4:32

Be **kind to one another**,
tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**,
as God in Christ forgave you.

Summary of Chapter 4:

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