

Gifted for the Growth of the Unified Body (part 3)

Ephesians 4:14-15

INTRODUCTION:

As He fills all things, the victorious Christ gifted His unified body to grow into His fullness.

Christ's purpose for gifting the body of Christ in 4:14-16 requires you to answer 3 questions:

I. Are you departing from spiritual immaturity, 4:14?

- 1. What does this say about our early days in Christ? ("We are no longer to be children.")**
- 2. What are the dangers of remaining spiritually immature? ("Tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.")**
- 3. How does false teaching find its way to "children?" ("By the trickery of men.")**
- 4. How do "children" not see the trickery of men? ("By craftiness.")**
- 5. What is their craftiness directed toward? ("In deceitful scheming.")**

II. Are you growing up into Christ, 4:15?

- 1. What does this growing up look like? ("Speaking the truth in love.")**
- 2. What is the goal of your growing up? ("Into Him who is the head, even Christ.")**
- 3. To what extent are you to grow up into Christ? ("In all respects.")**