

Growth's Vital Essence and Goal

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 96

Ephesians 4:15

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And He Himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists,¹ and the pastors and teachers,¹² to the equipping of the holy ones for the work of service, for the building up² of the body of Christ,¹³ until we attain — all of us! — to unity as to the faith and as to the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of, Christ,¹⁴ in

order that we should no longer be infants, being wave-tossed and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the trickery of men, in cunning, for the strategy of error;¹⁵ but, by being truthful in love, let us grow into Him in all respects, who is the Head — Christ,...
[Ephesians 4:11-14 DJP]

Introduction:

I. Truth _____ ed -- *but, by being truthful*

A. What Kind of Truth?

1. A _____ kind: *but...*

2. Specifically, truth...

a. ...about _____

b. ...about _____

c. ...about _____

B. Leading to What Changes?

1. In _____ we _____

a. *All of us apart from Christ live a _____:*

Romans ____:25

Ephesians ____:1-3

Ephesians ____:17-19

¹ Which is to say *tellers of the good news*.

² Gk *oikodomē*, rendered “house-building” in 2:21.

b. When we come to *Christ* we come to _____, we begin a *life* of truth:

i. Ephesians __:20-24

ii. Ephesians __:14 belt of truth

2. In _____ we _____

II. Truth _____ed – by being truthful _____

A. The Contrast

B. The Controlling Factors

1. Love for _____

2. Love for _____

III. Truth _____ing – let us grow into Him in all respects, who is the Head — Christ

A. One Com _____ Com _____: let us grow

B. ...in _____ Direction

C. ...in _____ Respects

1 Corinthians __:31

Colossians __:18

Colossians __:17

Colossians __:23