



MARKS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Sermon Notes

“Discipleship”

Ephesians 4:11-16

February 17, 2013

Eph 4:11-16 And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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, 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. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, 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.

I. Introduction

II. Priorities of the Church

A. Worship

B. Nurture the believers -- through discipleship

C. Demonstrate compassion to the lost

III. Discipleship in the Church – Advancement Through Maturation

A. The knowledge of who Christ is

B. The process of sanctification

C. Ephesians 4:11-16

1. V.11 – And He [Jesus] gave
2. V.12 – to equip the saints
3. V.13 – until we all attain unity of the faith ...
4. V.14 – so that we may no longer be children
5. V.15 – Rather, speaking the truth in love,
6. V.16 – the whole body, joined and held together

I gave as an offering my all to Him who had won me and saved me—my property, my fame, my health, my very words.... In considering all these things, I preferred Christ. And the words of God were made sweet as honeycombs to me, and I cried after knowledge and lifted up my voice for wisdom. There was moreover the moderation of anger, the curbing of the tongue, the restraint of the eyes, the discipline of the belly, and the trampling under foot of the glory which clings to the earth.

Gregory of Nazianzus
(329-390AD)