

Attaining to the Unity of the Faith:

The Church Growing Up to the Fullness of Christ Who Is Her Head

The **Means** of Attaining to the Unity of the Faith – vs.7-12

Application: Preaching Should Be _____.

The **Measure** of Attaining to the Unity of the Faith – v.13

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The **Marks** of Attaining to the Unity of the Faith – vs.14-16

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Exegetical Outline and Translation

Ephesians 4:7-16

Section I

[7] *Now* to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

[8] Therefore *Scripture* says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

[9] Now this expression,

"He ascended," what does it mean except that

He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

[10] He who descended

is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.

[11] And He gave

some as apostles,

and some as prophets,

and some as evangelists,

and some as pastors

and some as teachers,

[12] in order to the perfecting of the saints

by means of the work of service,

by means of the building up of the body of Christ;

Section II

[13] until we all attain

to the unity of the faith, which is the full knowledge of the Son of God,

to a mature man,

to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Section III

[14] As a result,

we are no longer to be children, tossed and carried about

by every wave and wind of doctrine,

by the trickery of men,

by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

[15] but by speaking the truth in love,

we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, [16] from whom the whole body,

by being closely fitted and held together

by the contribution of every touching contact,

by the proper working of each individual part,

causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.