

**Ephesians 4:14,15**  
**GROW UP INTO CHRIST**

- I. Over-against deceptive winds.
  - A. The figure is of a ship tossed about by contrary winds - the winds of false doctrine.
    - 1. "Every" implies that there are many such false doctrines, and they blow from any and every direction.
    - 2. We cannot escape false doctrine any more than a ship can escape the winds (Art. 55 of C.O.).
      - a. These attacks are always with "sleight" (Col. 2:4,8,23; II Cor. 11:13; Gal. 2:4).
  - B. We are admonished not to be like children with regard to the knowledge of the truth.
    - 1. Children know only a little, have little experience, and are easily swayed.
    - 2. The Ephesians were recent converts to Christianity but they are to grow fast in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
    - 3. The best remedy against error is the knowledge of Scripture, which is the church has summarized in our creeds.
- II. We must "grow up into Him (Christ) in all things."
  - A. Christ is the sum of the revelation of God, the sum of all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
    - 1. If you have Christ, then you have all the treasures of knowledge (cf. Eph. 1:9,10)
    - 2. This Christ you must know and must continue to learn to know more of all His fullness and riches.
  - B. To grow into Christ means:
    - 1. To have the roots of my faith more deeply into Christ (as the roots of a tree) for spiritual nourishment and stability.
    - 2. To live out of Him: consciously finding forgiveness and righteousness in Him, and how He would have us life and thank.
    - 3. To grow toward Him.
  - C. There is a reciprocal relationship between this knowledge and the bond of Christian love.
    - 1. First, there is a love which tightly binds believers together (this is a simple fact realized by the Spirit, Eph. 4:3).
    - 2. The members of the body know one another, understand one another, trust and love one another.
    - 3. Love thirsts for knowledge, and knowledge causes an increase in love (Col. 2:2).
  - D. Therefore, grow in Christ!