

# **ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday School Live**

**Winter Quarter 2022**

**Theme: Jesus is Lord**

**December 18, 2022**

**Lesson Title: Unity in The Body of Christ**

**Lesson Text Ephesians 4:1-16**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

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- 1. Who Gives Spiritual Gifts?**
- 2. What is the purpose of Spiritual Gifts?**
- 3. How do we strengthen unity in Christ?**

# LESSON OUTLINES

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- 1. Identifying Facts (Ephesians 4:1-6)**
- 2. Gifts and Purpose (Ephesians 4:7-13)**
- 3. Maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4: 14-17)**

## EPHESIANS 4:1-3

**4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

## EPHESIANS 4:4-6 NIV

**<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.**

**<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

# Key Points to Remember

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- 1. BE DILIGENT TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.**
- 2. THERE IS ONE BODY-LORD-FAITH-BAPTISM**
- 3. GOD –FATHER-SON-HOLY SPIRIT**

## EPHESIANS 4:7-9 NIV

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**7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captive and gave gifts to his people.” 9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly region**

## EPHESIANS 4:10-11 NIV

**<sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,**



## EPHESIANS 12:12-13 NIV

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<sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## EPHESIANS 12:14 NIV

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**14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.**

## EPHESIANS 4:15 NIV

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**<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.**

## EPHESIANS 4:16 NIV

**<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**

## LESSON SUMMARY

**Paul identifies himself as a prisoner of Christ, and he begs us to live the way God has called us to live—with humility, patience, and love for one another. Why? Because there is one Spirit in the Church! Christ, the source of all blessings,**

## LESSON SUMMARY

**Because we are in Christ sharing his love, wisdom, and power, we should live the way God wants us to live. Paul begins Ephesians 4 with the word “therefore,” which connects what Paul is going to say with what he has already said and prayed.**

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**gives gifts to the Church —apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. They build up the body of Christ so that the church functions as God intended. God wants His Body, the Church, to mature just as a person matures with age. The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.**

# BIBLICAL RESOURCES

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