

“Identity – Life In Christ” Series from Ephesians

Lesson Eight: “God’s Grace for Mutual Growth”

Ephesians 4:1-16

Conquerors Sunday School Class – Sunday, December 19, 2021

Our Lesson’s Theme Verse is found in this passage of Scripture...

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

Today’s Lesson Thought can be summed up in this one little Question...

“Am I Truly Unified In Christ With Other Believers Today?”

Lesson: “God’s Grace for Mutual Growth”

I : Paul’s Plea for Unity

A: Fulfill Your Calling

- Ephesians 4:1, I Corinthians 9:14

B: Consider Your Approach

- Ephesians 4:2-3, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 5:11-12, Matthew 19:26, Ephesians 4:32
 - 1: We are to consider ‘*lowliness*’
 - 2: We are to consider ‘*meekness*’
 - 3: We are to consider ‘*longsuffering*’

II : The Pattern of Unity
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

A: One Body

B: One Spirit

C: One Hope

D: One Lord

E: One Faith

F: One Baptism

G: One God and Father of All

III : The Process for Unity

A: Gifts for the Church

- Ephesians 4:7-11, Romans 10:13-17

B: Growth in the Church

- Ephesians 4:12-16, Matthew 28:19-20, I Timothy 2:2

Conclusion:

Oh that today, you and I would have such a desire as to grow in God's Grace and knowledge so that we might continue to see God's grace for Mutual Growth within this local called out assembly of born again, baptized believers we call Church of the Open Door!

Let's set aside our own personal desires and differences and simply ask the Lord to grant unto us a willing heart to use the spiritual gifts He has so abundantly bestowed upon each of us in this church!

Just think about what God could do with us, as a Sunday School Class, as a local church body, if each of us would simply choose to be unified in Christ Jesus our Lord! Let's determine within our hearts today, especially during this Christmas season, and as Paul stated in Ephesians 4:3 that we will endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and that we will keep that action constant, consistent, and Christ-like in all that we do and say!

What a blessing that would be, both to this local church body, as well as before the eyes of our lost world today!