

Growing Together

*Ephesians 4:11-16**

To this point [chapter 4] in this letter the readers have been asked to do nothing except remember their past alienation and present acceptance in Christ (2:11). For three chapters we have been reminded of God's goodness and the marvelous salvation that is ours. Now with all the force possible we are implored to live worthy of our calling (4:1). Application of the truth requires accepting the challenge to live out our faith. Christ Jesus reveals to us the plan for His Church and the qualities that should characterize each of us.

Christ's strategy for His Body . . . the how (11)

Christ's growth plan for His Body . . . the what (12-16)

Distinctively Christlike (12-13)

Doctrinally calm (14)

Developmentally committed (15)

Devotedly cooperative (16)

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