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The Body of Christ and our Spiritual Life

Ephesians 4:15-16



EPHESIANS

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Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”

1. In this chapter the focus shifted from developing a lot of key teaching on the nature of the church, to how we should live in light of our blessings in Christ.

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”

2. The Church came into existence in AD 33 on the Day of Pentecost and will end with the Rapture of the Church.

3. The emphasis is on Christ as the savior of the body, the head of the body.

Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Col. 1:24, “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,”

Col. 2:19, “and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.”

4. The metaphor of the headship of Christ is to explain that He is the authority over the Church universal, including each local church. Headship relates to leadership, direction, provision, sustenance, guidance.

Eph. 1:22, “And He (God the Father) put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,”

1 Cor. 11:3, “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

Col. 2:19, “and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.”

5. As the Head, the leader, director, authority over His body the Church, Christ has given spiritual gifts to us, through the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 12:6, “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,”

Eph. 3:2, “if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,”