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**Ephesians 3:13-21**

**Paul Prays For The Believers At Ephesus**

**A. The Cause of His Prayer (3:14-15)**

**1. Regard for the Father (3:14-15)**

**a. In reverence (v 14)**

**1 Peter 4:11**

**b. In relation (v 15)**

**Ephesians 2:21**

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**B. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)**

**1. Reinforcing the inner man (3:16)**

**a. The source of strength**

**Psalm 18:32**

**b. The subject of the strengthening**

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

**1 Timothy 4:8**

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

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**B. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19) - continued**

**2. Residing of Christ (3:17)**

**a. Realized by faith**

**Matthew 13:21**

**b. Resting on love**

**Colossians 2:7**

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**B. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19) - continued**

**3. Realizing the immensity of Christ's love (3:18-19)**

**a. Its requirement – to all saints**

**Colossians 2:2**

**b. Its reach – to the uttermost**

**Romans 8:38-39**

**c. Its regard – to know**

**Philippians 3:10**

**d. Its result – to be filled with fulness**

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**C. The Conclusion Of His Prayer (3:20-21)**

**1. The awe of God's power (3:20)**

**a. Greater in ability**

**Jeremiah 32:27**

**b. Greater in activity**

**1 John 4:4**

**2. The adoration of God person (3:21)**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**James 5:16**

**The Call For Unity**  
**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**Christians Should Be Unified In Christ**

# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **Ephesians 4:1-16**

**1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**

**2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;**

**3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **A. The encouragement (4:1)**

### **1. Paul's perspective**

**Ephesians 3:1**

**For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,**

### **2. Paul's plea**

**1 Corinthians 1:10**

**Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**



# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **B. The emphasis (4:2)**

### **1. The requirements**

#### **a. Humility**

#### **Philippians 2:3-4**

**3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

**4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **B. The emphasis (4:2)**

### **1. The requirements - continued**

#### **b. Meekness**

#### **James 3:13**

**Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

#### **c. Longsuffering**

#### **1 Corinthians 13:4**

**Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**

# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **B. The emphasis (4:2) - continued**

### **2. The result**

#### **Colossians 3:13**

**Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.**

# **I. Unity In The Body (4:1-3)**

## **C. The effort required (4:3)**

### **1. Its constancy**

**2 Peter 1:10**

**Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

### **2. Its consequence**

**2 Peter 3:14**

**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

## **II. Unity In Doctrine (4:4-6)**

### **Ephesians 4:4-6**

**4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;**

**5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

**6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

## **II. Unity In Doctrine (4:4-6)**

### **A. One Spirit (4:4)**

**Romans 8:14-16**

**14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

**15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

**16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

- 1. Of leading (v 14)**
- 2. Of belonging (v 15)**
- 3. Of testifying (v 16)**

## **II. Unity In Doctrine (4:4-6)**

### **B. One Lord (4:5)**

#### **1. Faith in Christ**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

#### **2. Baptized in Christ**

**Romans 6:3**

**Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**

## **II. Unity In Doctrine (4:4-6)**

### **C. One God (4:6)**

#### **Colossians 1:12-13**

**12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**

**13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**



### **III. Unity In Function (4:7-16)**

#### **A. Gifts from God (4:7-10)**

##### **1. Universal (v 7)**

**Ephesians 4:7**

**But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

##### **2. Unmatched (v 8)**

**Ephesians 4:8**

**Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

### **III. Unity In Function (4:7-16)**

#### **A. Gifts from God (4:7-10) - continued**

##### **3. Unstoppable (vv 9-10)**

#### **Ephesians 4:9-10**

**9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)**

**10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**

### **III. Unity In Function (4:7-16)**

#### **B. Growth from the gifts (4:11-16)**

##### **1. The people (v 11)**

**Ephesians 4:11**

**And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

##### **2. The purposes (v 12)**

**Ephesians 4:12**

**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

### **III. Unity In Function (4:7-16)**

#### **B. Growth from the gifts (4:11-16) - continued**

##### **3. The perfection (vv 13-16)**

###### **a. A continuing process (v 13)**

**Ephesians 4:13**

**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

###### **b. A convincing process (v 14)**

**Ephesians 4:14**

**That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

### **III. Unity In Function (4:7-16)**

#### **B. Growth from the gifts (4:11-16) - continued**

##### **3. The perfection (vv 13-16) - continued**

###### **c. A compassionate process (v 15)**

#### **Ephesians 4:15**

**But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

###### **d. A contributing process (v 16)**

#### **Ephesians 4:16**

**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.**

**Work With God  
And  
Work For God**