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Ephesians 4: 7-16 (NIV)

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 captives and gave gifts to his people.” ⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

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Ephesians 4: 7-16 (NIV) (cont'd)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ 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.

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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. ¹⁵ 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.

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¹⁶ 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..

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Our Wealth & Our Walk

**Called by grace to belong
to His body (Chap. 1)**



**Walk worthy of your calling—
the unity of the Body (4:1–16)**

**Raised from the dead
(2:1–10)**



**Put off the grave clothes
(4:17–5:17); walk in purity**

**Reconciled
(2:11–22)**



**Walk in harmony
(5:18–6:9)**

**Christ's victory over Satan
is the mystery (Chap. 3)**



**Walk in Victory
(6:10–24)**

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#1 - The Grace of Unity (vs. 1-3)

Christian Graces:

1. Humble
2. Gentle
3. Patience
4. Forbearance
5. Peace

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#1 - The Grace of Unity (vs. 1-3)

#2 - The Grounds of Unity (vs. 4-6)

Seven Basic Spiritual Realities:

1. One Body	4. One Lord
2. One Spirit	5. One Faith
3. One Hope of Your Calling	6. One Baptism
	7. One God the Father

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#1 - The Gifts For Unity (vs. 7-11)

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2. Prophets (vs. 11b)

3. Evangelists (vs. 11c)

4. Pastors and Teachers (vs. 11c)

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#2 – The Growth for Unity (vs. 12-16)

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Evidences

1. Christlikeness
2. Stability
3. Truth Joined With Love

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Evidences

1. Christlikeness
2. Stability
3. Truth Joined With Love
4. Cooperation

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Evidences

4. Cooperation (Ephesians 4:16)

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