James #13

The building of an edification complex in your soul.

Open today in Ephesians chapter four RF.

Our current study in James will now open us up for a deeper study into what should be happening in the soul of a growing Bel.

We are all born in sin and indoctrinated into a system which is distorted and hostile toward the truth of scripture.

There has to be a re-construction of the soul which begins with a new spirit, a new birth which happens at salvation.

/Jam 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that **you may be perfect and complete**, lacking in nothing.

The Christian can not reach higher levels of maturity without the proper re-construction of the soul structure.\

We are given a new spirit - one which works in conjunction with God the HS.

It is designed for growth and capacity of divine righteousness.

We have to feed the new nature and starve the old nature and that is a large portion of your spiritual battle.

God designed you for something greater than a simple existence in the natural life.

HE wants us to be positive toward HIM. So that a new soul structure can replace the flawed one that is dominated by the Adamic nature.

Your new nature needs attention after salvation.

This requires positive volition and a large amount of time spent allowing the mind of Christ to wash over you.

God wants to edify you in a spiritual way which lifts us upward in every aspect of our life.

Our Divine Father’s will is that we submit to HIS plan in the temporal walk and become more like HIS precious SON.

HE will not over step the boundaries of free will to do that – it is upon the Bel’s own volition that this will occur.

 REPEAT

/Edification refers to improvement, instruction or enlightenment in a spiritual and moral sense. It has the goal of lifting upward, training or directing toward an improved knowledge, a greater confidence and more personal security in thought and lifestyle.\

The statement that - *the WORD changes you and you don’t change the WORD* - is exactly what the construction of the edification complex in the soul means.

That is a factual statement.

As many of you know, Ephesians is one of the four prison epistles written by the Apostle Paul.

This one, along with several other letters were designed to go in a circular motion out to several congregations.

One of the key focuses is on the plan of God and how GOD will continue to unfold HIS grace plan as we continue to grow.

God pursues the growing Bel and HE offers greater grace over time.

In chapter four the Apostle Paul emphasizes the grace plan in connection with the Royal Family of the CA.

Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

The Apostle Paul acknowledged the only restraints that he recognizes even in Roman imprisonment – was the yolk of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/[Eph 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/2/s_1101002) **with all humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience** (*makrothymia*), bearing with one another in **love**,

Christians who have forward movement toward maturity, display a humility (teachability), a gentle nature with a longsuffering manner because of their union with Christ (virtue Love).\

MY-CRATH-O-ME-AH, this Greek noun is often used for a longsuffering or a steadfast patient attitude.

Very similar to what we have been studying – a consistent endurance.

Long suffering has the characteristic of a forgiving, generous heart.

This speaks to a Bel who already has begun on a journey of allowing God’s re-construction in the soul.

The super-grace lifestyle is being highlighted and it only occurs after a Bel has had consistent time allowing the WORD to do its work within the soul.

/[Eph 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/3/s_1101003) **being diligent** to keep the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

Within the salvation ministry of God, the Holy Spirit every Bel is made a part of the royal family of God. We are all brought in under equal privilege and equal opportunity – made uniquely into a Royal Family and Priesthood & future Bride.\

Being diligent - is in the Greek present tense, we have to take responsibility and keep on being diligent.

At salvation we see true equality – we are brought into a CA body of Christ.

Yet many do not grow into their full potential and the body then suffers.

[Eph 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/4/s_1101004) *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling;

[Eph 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/5/s_1101005) one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

The baptism of the HS is what brings us into eternal security. Any other baptism is a ritual not needed for salvation.

[Eph 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/6/s_1101006) one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

/[Eph 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/7/s_1101007) But to **each one of us grace was given**according to the **measure of Christ’s gift.**

Many Christians lack a sturdy structure of the edification complex due to a lack of knowledge about the plan of GOD.\

Because they do not understand what dispensation they live in, what calling they need to follow, what is the importance of getting under accurate teaching.

As well as - exactly what the HS is designed to do in their Christian-walk.

 REPEAT

We have lessons for our benefit written throughout the bible – two other dispensations to learn from;

/Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Since you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the Law of your God, I also will forget your children.\

Every day you are absorbing information, so everyday we are building or maintaining something in our soul.

 [Eph 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/8/s_1101008) Therefore it says, “WHEN HEASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE*THE* CAPTIVES,AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO PEOPLE.”

This I have covered before – the three days in the tomb, TLJC did not just lay there. HE was busy in the bowels of the earth.

There was a victory march and also a declaration to the fallen angels.

The OT saints were brought out of paradise and into the third heaven.

[Eph 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/9/s_1101009) (Now this *expression,* “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

[Eph 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/10/s_1101010) He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

Notice during those three days before the physical resurrection out of the tomb, TLJC also commissioned new leadership for the Church Age dispensation.

/[Eph 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/11/s_1101011) And **He gave some as apostles**, some *as* **prophets**, some as **evangelists,** some *as* **pastors and teachers,**

Apostles and prophets were given authority to complete the canon of scripture. The prophets were under the direction of the Apostles.\

By the way, the word, SOME is in the Greek masculine gender – it is referencing a masculine role not a feminine one.

Evangelists and pastor-teachers (one title) were trained under the apostles. Their main calling is to study and teach, preach the gospel accurately.

Pastors and Evangelists are never called into prophecy or apostleship. Those offices were done away with at the completed canon of scripture.

 REPEAT

The apostles never went around ordaining prophets and more apostles. They developed men in leadership roles as teachers, deacons and evangelists.

By the way - the gift of pastor-teacher, is the replacement of the office of apostleship, it is the authority role of a congregation.

/Today all congregations are autonomous with authority vested in the complete canon of scripture and the pastor-teacher. The study and teaching of the accuracy of the WORD is not designed as a business model for denominational dogma. It is designed for one man with the calling and one group of Bels who recognize his authority.\

Denominations and different titles or spiritual callings like prophecy, healings, signs, wonders and tongues, as well as massive music ministries were all introduced by mankind, not GOD.

/[Eph 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/12/s_1101012) **for the equipping** of the saints for the work of ministry, **for the building up of the body of Christ**;

The Bel is to submit to the authority of the word taught by a prepared pastor-teacher. They then can grow (equipped) into who GOD called them to be.\

The gift of pastor teacher is where Christians gain the equipment – spiritually and mentally to grow up.

/Eph 4:12 - the equipping (*katartismos)*

For the building up – (*oikodomē*)

The full supply for a completion or to reach perfection (maturity), which is designed as an edifying structure, building up because of the right provisions.\

KAT-AR-TAS-MOS, to become whole, to reach perfection.

OIY-CON-DA-MAY, this noun is an architectural word in the original Greek – it is a building reference. It also means edification such as improvements or a re-construction. To build a homebase.

/The gift of pastor-teacher was ordained by Christ to give you the right biblical perspective, the spiritual, mental and emotional tools needed to engage in a spiritual life. You can only build a doctrinal soul structure under accurate teaching. The Evangelist is the one who can introduce the gospel – it is the pastor-teacher who will shine a light for the Bel to build (under power of HS) the Edification Complex of the Soul.\

There are no short cuts or a magic bullet, that brings you rapidly into SM other than this continued process, of learning and growing.

/[Eph 4:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/13/s_1101013) **until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,** to a **mature man**, to the **measure of the stature**which belongs **to the fullness of Christ**.

You are called into maturity – a fullness of who you are in CHRIST. (Jhn 3:30)\

[Jhn 3:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/3/30/s_1000030) “He must increase, but I must decrease.

The growing is a process.

The unity of the faith – not counterfeits and emotional nonsense – there is one accuracy of the word.

/The spiritual gift of communicating God’s word is designed for edification —Bible doctrine is designed for edification.

2Cor 10:8 For if I boast somewhat more about our authority, **which the Lord gave for building you up** and not for destroying you, I will not be put to shame,\

Same noun we just noted in verse 12 – *oikodomē,* OIY-CON-DA-MAY.

TLJC gave the gift of pastor-teacher for the building up of this soul structure ECS.

Everything is already given in God’s grace plan.

[Eph 4:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/14/s_1101014) As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

/There is a call for a unity in the body of Christ – this is why Satan developed counterfeits such as; denominations, spirituality through emotionalism, seeking GOD by mediation or new age movements, distortions of the word, etc. This ensures division and confusion after salvation. Therefore, many Bels never develop into the fullness of Christ.\

You can believe what you like because God gave you complete freedom.

Yet truth is singular – and the bible explicitly teaches us that the apostles taught groups of Bels from the homes of Bels.

The bible teaches us they developed churches by training men when they recognized the gifts of pastors, evangelists and deacons. Not under the umbrella of denominations or cookie cutter business models.

[Eph 4:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/15/s_1101015) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *that is,* Christ,

/[Eph 4:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/16/s_1101016) **from whom the whole body**, being **fitted and held together** by what **every joint supplies**, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes **the growth of the body for the building up**(*oikodomē* )of itself in love.

The Edification Complex is built upon accurate teaching, the filling power of the SPIRIT and supported by positive Bels coming together in unity.\

OIY-CON-DA-MAY (ECS)

The fact is Satan has many victories in the area of Christian division and crippling accurate teaching.

It is the OSN that is tickled by large buildings and music ministries that look like rock concerts.

It is the OSN that delights in a designated type that it will recognize as a bible teacher.

It is the OSN that finds comfort in following the crowd seeking to be part of a mass movement.

It is the OSN that is attracted to warm and playful personalities, that rarely challenge it in the arena of accountability.

 REPEAT

Satan knows this and plays on these exact models for religion and spiritual movements in the cosmic system.

/The Christian will never develop a firm soul structure if they refuse to move away from the counterfeits in the cosmic system. Bible study under your right pastor-teacher, is the catalyst to fuel the journey toward maturity. The strength of your Edification Complex in the Soul is dependent upon accurate doctrine, the filling power of the HS coupled with consistent positive volition.\