

To be a church that brings God glory:

A. Requires an ongoing commitment to our _____

Ephesians 4:3 - “....eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

1. The Example - ***Ephesians 4:1***
2. The Exhortation – ***Ephesians 4:2–3***
3. The Extent - ***Ephesians 4:4–6***

B. Requires an ongoing commitment to our _____

Ephesians 4:7-11 - But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets.....

1. The teaching of the apostles, prophets and Jesus is our foundation - ***Ephesians 2:19–20*** - So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...

2. Jesus promised to build His church on this sure foundation -***Matthew 16:18*** - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. See also ***1 Corinthians 3:11*** and ***1 Peter 2:4-10***

C. Requires an ongoing commitment to our _____

Ephesians 4:11b- 12a - the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints....

1. The roles

2. - Evangelists = obstetricians of the church – everyone does this work – ***2 Timothy 4:5-***

- Pastor/Teachers = pediatricians of the church – everyone does this work – ***2 Tim. 2:24-26***

2. The goals - Equipping of the saints

a. The meaning of the term - Greek word “katartismos” – “to restore” or “to make complete”

b. The usage of the term - The concept of discipleship - to fully train – ***Luke 6:40*** - A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

- It’s done by God’s Words - ***2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Galatians 6:2***

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Ephesians 4:12b - for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

1. Purpose #1 – The Work of the Ministry – Evangelism of the Lost – ***2 Corinthians 5:18*** - All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...

2. Purpose #2 – The Building up of the Body –Edification of the Body - ***Romans 14:19*** - So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

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Ephesians 4:13 - Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

1. The church should resemble Jesus Christ in the world - **Colossians 1:28** - *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

2. The church should express Jesus Christ to the world - **Ephesians 1:22–23** - *And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

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Ephesians 4:14–15 - *So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ....*

1. We are to grow firm in Jesus Christ - **Colossians 2:6–7**

2. We are to grow up into Jesus Christ - **Galatians 2:20**

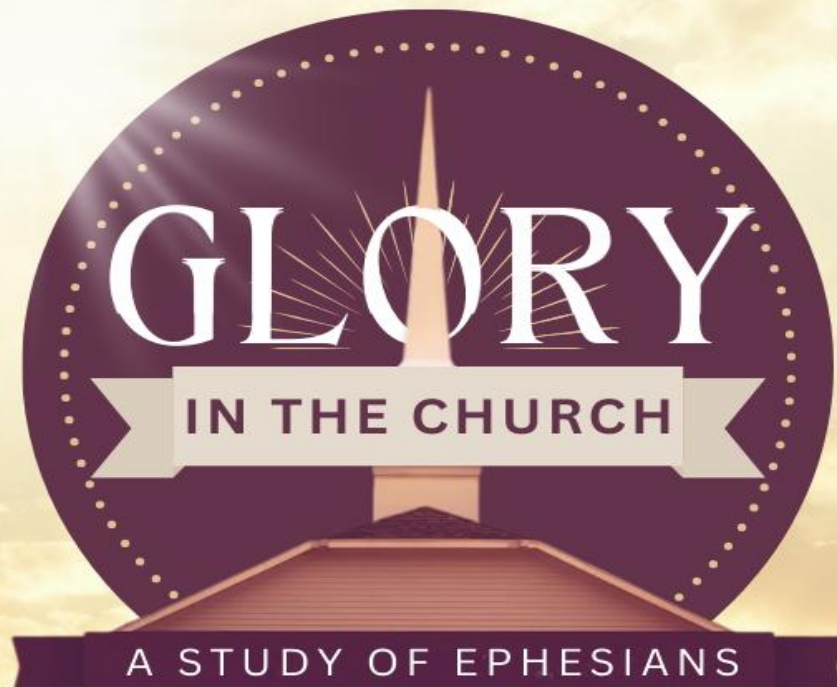
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Ephesians 4:16 - *From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

1. We are dependent on the Head, Jesus Christ, for direction and life - **Colossians 1:17–18**

2. We are dependent on each other for cohesiveness - **Colossians 2:19**

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Equipping the Saints Ephesians 4:7-16

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