



Unified, Diversified, Optimized

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Ephesians 1-3: Brief Summary

Ch. 1 We praise God for our spiritual blessings in Christ

1. Chosen to be holy and blameless
2. Adopted
3. Redeemed
4. Made known the mystery of His Will (Chapter 3)
5. Sealed with the Holy Spirit
6. Guaranteed Inheritance

Even though

Ch. 2 We were dead when we

1. Walked according to the world
2. Walked according to Satan and the demonic realm
3. Walked according to our own sinful nature

But God being rich in Mercy

1. Loved us
2. Made us alive with Christ
3. Raised us up with Him
4. Seated us with Him
5. Saved us by His grace through faith
6. Created us to do good works

So remember

You once were separated from Christ, but now have been brought near through the blood of Jesus

Ch. 3

The mystery is that through the Gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Jesus Christ.

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

Unifying Character Qualities

²with all humility

and gentleness,

with patience,

Unifying Practice

showing tolerance for one another in love,

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Unifying Truth

⁴ *There is*

one body

and

one Spirit,

just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord,

one faith,

one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But

Diversity by Design

to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it says,

“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”

⁹ (Now this *expression*, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He gave

some as apostles,

and some as prophets,

and some as evangelists,

and some as pastors

and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints

for the work of service,

to the building up of the body of Christ;

Goal

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ As a result,

Optimal Efficiency

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 men,
by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love,

we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶ 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 of itself in love.