



Ephesians: Declared Free – Week 5

Personal Devotional

Sermon: *Every Member a Minister*

Ephesians 4:1–16

Big Idea:

Jesus gives gifts to His church so that every believer can grow into maturity and participate in His mission. Christianity is not a spectator sport. Every follower of Jesus has a place in the Body and a role in God's work.

WORSHIP – Responding to God's Calling

Begin by slowing down.

Take a few deep breaths and thank Jesus for saving you, bringing you into His family, and giving you a purpose within His Body.

Before reading Scripture, sit quietly, put on your favorite worship music to prepare your heart and then consider:

Reflect

How do you typically think about church: something you attend or a people you belong to?

In what ways have you experienced others serving and blessing you within the Body of Christ?

Where might God be inviting you to participate more fully in His mission?

Read:

Jesus didn't save me merely to attend His church. He saved me to become part of His Body.

Spend a few moments thanking God for including you in His family and mission.

WORD – Growing Up Together

Ephesians 4:1–6

Ephesians 4:7–13

Ephesians 4:14–16

As you read, notice:

1. The call to walk worthy of our calling
2. The unity Jesus creates among believers
3. The gifts Jesus gives to His church
4. The goal of maturity in Christ
5. The importance of every member contributing

Reflect

1. What stands out to you about Paul's description of a worthy walk?

He highlights:

- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience
- Bearing with one another in love

Which of these qualities is God currently developing in you?

2. Why do you think Paul emphasizes unity before discussing spiritual gifts?

How does humility contribute to unity within the church?

3. According to this passage, what is the purpose of spiritual gifts and leadership?

How is that different from the way success is often measured in our culture?

4. Verse 16 says the body grows when "each part is working properly."

How might God want to use your gifts, experiences, personality, or story to strengthen others?

Core Gospel Truth

Jesus gives gifts to His church so that His people become mature and take part in His mission.

PRAYER – Available for God's Purpose

Confession

Father, I confess that I often approach church as a consumer rather than a contributor. I can become focused on what I receive instead of how You want to use me to serve others.

Pause and allow the Spirit to gently reveal any areas of passivity, self-focus, or reluctance.

Receiving Prayer

Jesus, thank You for saving me by grace and placing me in Your Body. Thank You that You have given gifts to Your church and that every believer has a role in Your mission.

Help me to see my place within Your family and to live with purpose and humility.

Surrender

Pray:

Holy Spirit, teach me to walk worthy of my calling. Grow me into maturity. Help me build unity, speak truth in love, and serve others faithfully.

Show me where You are inviting me to participate in Your work and give me courage to say yes.

Amen.

Closing Encouragement

In Christ:

- You are chosen.
- You are saved by grace.
- You belong to God's family.
- You have been gifted for His mission.

Remember:

Every believer is gifted. Every believer matters. Every believer has a role in the Body of Christ.

As you walk through this week, ask the Lord:

"Jesus, how do You want to use me to strengthen Your Body today?". "God, include me in what you are doing!"