

**Unity**



**As a parent, I want to  
celebrate and enjoy each  
phase (part of the task  
entrusted to be by God is  
help them mature)**



# **Proverbs 22:6**

**All of us should be  
growing and maturing  
(spiritually speaking)**



**God is working in BOTH  
our oneness and our  
uniqueness to mature us  
and grow us**

**Ephesians 4:7-16**



**Have you ever stopped  
and pondered that our  
personal maturity  
(or immaturity)  
impacts the rest of  
the body of Christ?**





**Uniquely  
United for  
Maturity**



# **Ephesians 4:7**

**Any gift we've received  
is completely an act of  
God's grace and based  
entirely upon Christ**



**God's equipped us  
for the task He  
has in store for us**

**Ephesians 4:7-8**

**Verse 8 quotes Psalm 68**





**Our King (Jesus) has won  
the battle (He's triumphed  
over death, sin, and hell)  
but He DOESN'T hoard  
the rewards**

**Ephesians 4:9-10**



**Jesus ascending is  
universally accepted as  
Jesus (after His time on  
earth) going to the right  
hand of the Father**



**I tend to look at this  
passage similar to  
Philippians 2:5-11**

**Philippians 2:5-8**



**Jesus was in Heaven, but  
He emptied and humbled  
Himself and took on flesh and  
descended to earth  
(entire purpose was to set  
the captives free)  
Philippians 2:9-11**



**When I read Ephesians 4:9-10,  
I see Jesus descending into  
earth to rescue mankind and  
with that accomplished, Jesus  
has ascended back into Heaven  
to be glorified forever**



**The point of this bunny trail... we ought to stand back and marvel at Jesus' generosity and the power and the authority that He has**





# **Ephesians 4:11-14**

**Christ has given some  
specific gifts (of leadership)  
and these gifts should be  
used to help mature  
believers**



**Ephesians 2:19-22**

**Ephesians 3:1-5**



**Apostles and Prophets  
were foundation  
(the Lord used them to  
reveal His Truth and  
usher in the church)**



**“Evangelists” =  
heralds; messengers; the  
spreaders of Good News**



**These flocks need  
shepherds (pastors),  
who can help instruct and  
guide them spiritually in  
God's Word  
I Peter 5:1-4**



**In order to NOT be “tossed  
here and there by waves  
and carried about by every  
wind of doctrine” sheep**

**NEED to be taught**

**Ephesians 4:14-16**





**Through our oneness  
IN Christ and our  
uniqueness (that sets  
us apart for Christ)  
we are to mature!!!**



**When differences arise  
(and they will)  
how we respond is equally  
as important to the  
offense in question**

