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OUR MATURING UNITY



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THE GRACE OF GOD WAS GIVEN FOR BOTH
OUR UNITY AND OUR MATURITY.



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I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

EPHESIANS 4:1-13

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Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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,

EPHESIANS 4:1-13

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**THIS GRACE COMES BY THE
DECISION OF CHRIST**

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

EPHESIANS 4:7



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**THIS GRACE COMES THROUGH OUR
CONQUERING LORD**

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EPHESIANS 4:7-10



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**THIS GRACE COMES THROUGH THE
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

EPHESIANS 4:11-12



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**THIS GRACE CONTINUES UNTIL
CHRIST RETURNS**

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EPHESIANS 4:13-13



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