

**We Are God's Family**  
**Living With Clarity of Purpose**  
 Ephesians 4:14-16

**What We Do with What God has Done**

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| <b>We Practice Relational Skills</b>               | 5 healthy traits | 4:2-4   |
| <b>We Prioritize Our Unity</b>                     | 7 uniting facts  | 4:4-6   |
| <b>We Appreciate God's Gifts to Each One of Us</b> |                  | 4:7-10  |
| <b>We Utilize God's Equippers</b>                  |                  | 4:11-12 |

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

**We Embrace Our Job to Build the Body of Christ** 4:12-13

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| Equipping of the Saints        | Job Training- Apprenticeship |
| The Work of Service            | A Job God Wants Us to Do     |
| Building up the Body of Christ | An Objective to Accomplish   |

**A Mature Family Clarified** 4:13

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| Unity of Faith                                  | (Equally Committed to Jesus) |
| Unity in Knowing Jesus mind and heart           | (Like-Minded)                |
| Unity in Managing life as a Mature Child of God | (Adulthood)                  |
| Unity in Commitment to being Like Jesus         | (Christ-like)                |

***Every Child of God***  
***is adequately gifted to serve and strengthen***  
***the family of God.***

**We Are Not to Remain Children (Infants) (Eph. 4:14-16)**

**1. Children lack the ability to discern the difference between truth, falsehood, deceit and imagination. (4:14)**

Children get confused by the diversity of beliefs and opinions in life.

The beliefs and opinions created by people are not informed by truth revealed by Jesus.

**2. As mature Christ-like grown-ups we base our life on "truth" and "love" as prioritized by Jesus. (4:15)**

The Priorities of Jesus in Life

1. **"Speaking Truth"**: Truth Clarifies Direction and Purpose  
 John 18:37  
 John 8:32; 43-47
2. **"Love"**: The New Commandment  
 John 13:34-35  
 John 15:12-17

**3. With healthy grown-up children of God guided by truth and love, the family of God will grow because there is shared clarity of purpose. (4:16)**

The proper working of each individual part

Causes growth of the body and the building up itself in love

**Why is the Family of God Our #1 Priority in Life?**

- **God's heart is for "His children."**  
 Matthew 18:4-6, 10
- **God's children were the Priority of Jesus.**  
 John 17:2-3  
 John 17:6-14
- **How we have loved God's children will be the primary concern on the Day of Judgement?**  
 Matthew 25:31-40

***Family of God is our most important priority in life!***