

**Dear Church** (Part 9)  
**"Maturity: The Whole Measure of Fullness of Christ"** [Eph. 4:11-16]  
June 25, 2017  
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**Sermon Notes & Outline**

Scripture Today: Ephesians 4:11-16

"...**His people** for service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**" (Eph. 4:12-13)

Jesus gave the Church a system of discipleship and people to facilitate the system so that:

- The Church equipped for works of service
- The Church (*body of Christ*) is built up (*made strong*)
- The Church reaches unity of faith
- The Church grows in knowledge of the Son of God
- The Church becomes mature, attaining the whole measure of fullness of Christ

The Goal of Discipleship:

*Believers should strive for and be continually developing toward the "full and complete standard of Christ."* (NLT)

Mature – **téleios**, tel'-i-os; from Strongs [G5056](#); complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); completeness:—of full age, man, perfect.

**References for comparison and additional study**

- Matt. 5:48 (note: "perfect" is *telios*, mature)
- 2 Cor. 13:5
- Col. 1:15-19, 28
- James 1:4

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**HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions**

- The Apostle teaches us that Jesus Christ gave the Church a five-fold office of ministry to accomplish several things:
  - Equip people for works of service
  - Build up the body of Christ
  - Help the body reach unity of faith
  - Grow the body in the knowledge of the Son of God
  - Help the body become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of ChristCan you describe how each of these points of accomplishment might be defined? Can you provide practical examples of how each of these might be measured?
- Pastor Jeff provided a few examples of what the whole measure and fullness of Christ might be (John 14:8-9, Colossians 1:15-19, Romans 8:10, 2 Cor. 13:5, Gal. 2:20) in Sunday’s teaching. What do you think about these examples of Christ and his formation in the lives of believers? Do you believe in the power of God through Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit to transform lives that they might live like Jesus to the whole measure and fullness of his life while he walked on earth? Please provide detailed explanation for your responses.
- What do you think prevents believers from being formed in the whole measure and fullness of Christ?
- The Apostle describes the “immature” as those being tossed back and forth by waves...blown about by every wind of teaching. What do you think this means to us today? Can you provide some examples? Do you think immaturity and following errant teaching happens your local church? Can you provide examples?
- How do you think, “speaking the truth in love,” helps individuals (the Body of the Church) become mature in Christ? What do you think “speaking the truth in love” means? Can you provide context and examples? Have you ever had someone speak the truth in love to you? Would you care to elaborate?
- The past weeks teachings have shared with us the importance of “one body” and unity. What can you do to help this body grow together building itself in love? As each part does it’s work, what is your part? How will you contribute in our next season of Mountain View Church?