

"Unified Church" Ephesians 4:1-16

Big idea: A unified church is Jesus' design

One heart: walking worthy (1-3).

For shoes for walking worthy:

- humility: *God* is awesome
- gentleness: power under control
- patience: watering, pruning
- love: commitment without condition

Two Kryptonites to walking worthy: Division and Indifference

One focus: Jesus (4-6).

Many gifts: work 'em (7-10).

Gifts Myths vs Gifts Truths

It's for my glory/For church's flourishing
It's a church-wide ministry/Works within ministries
It's unimportant/JESUS gave it to you!
It's this one, only, forever/Seek the higher gifts
It's involuntary like a heart/It's fan-able like a flame
It's full grown/You gotta grow it

One goal: maturity (11-16).

Maturity looks like:

1. Jesus-anchored not tossed
2. Speaking Jesus to build up
3. Eagerness to be like Jesus
4. One body together for Jesus