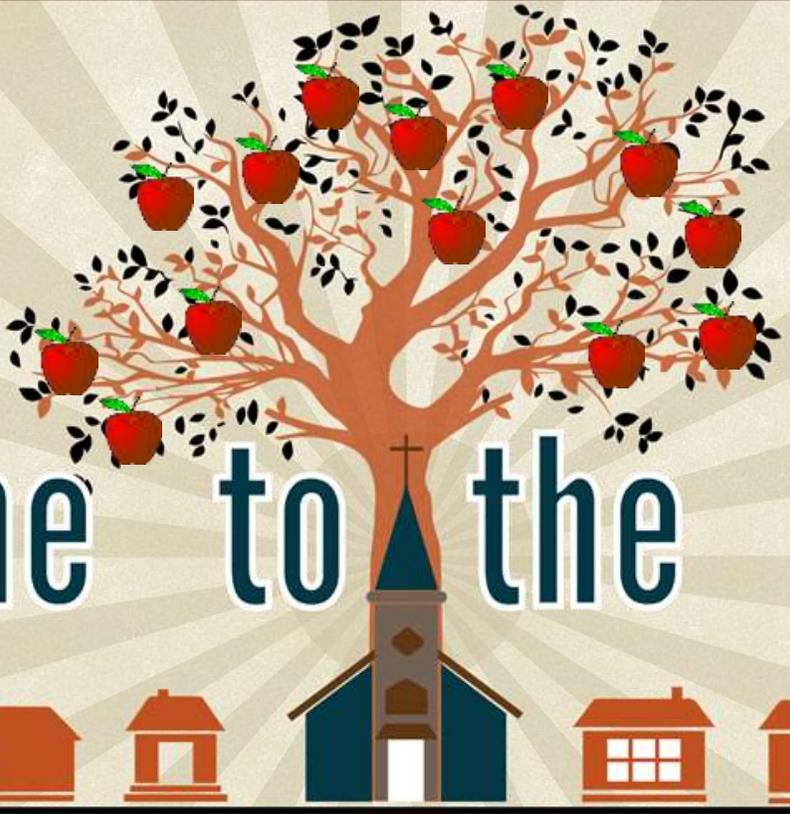


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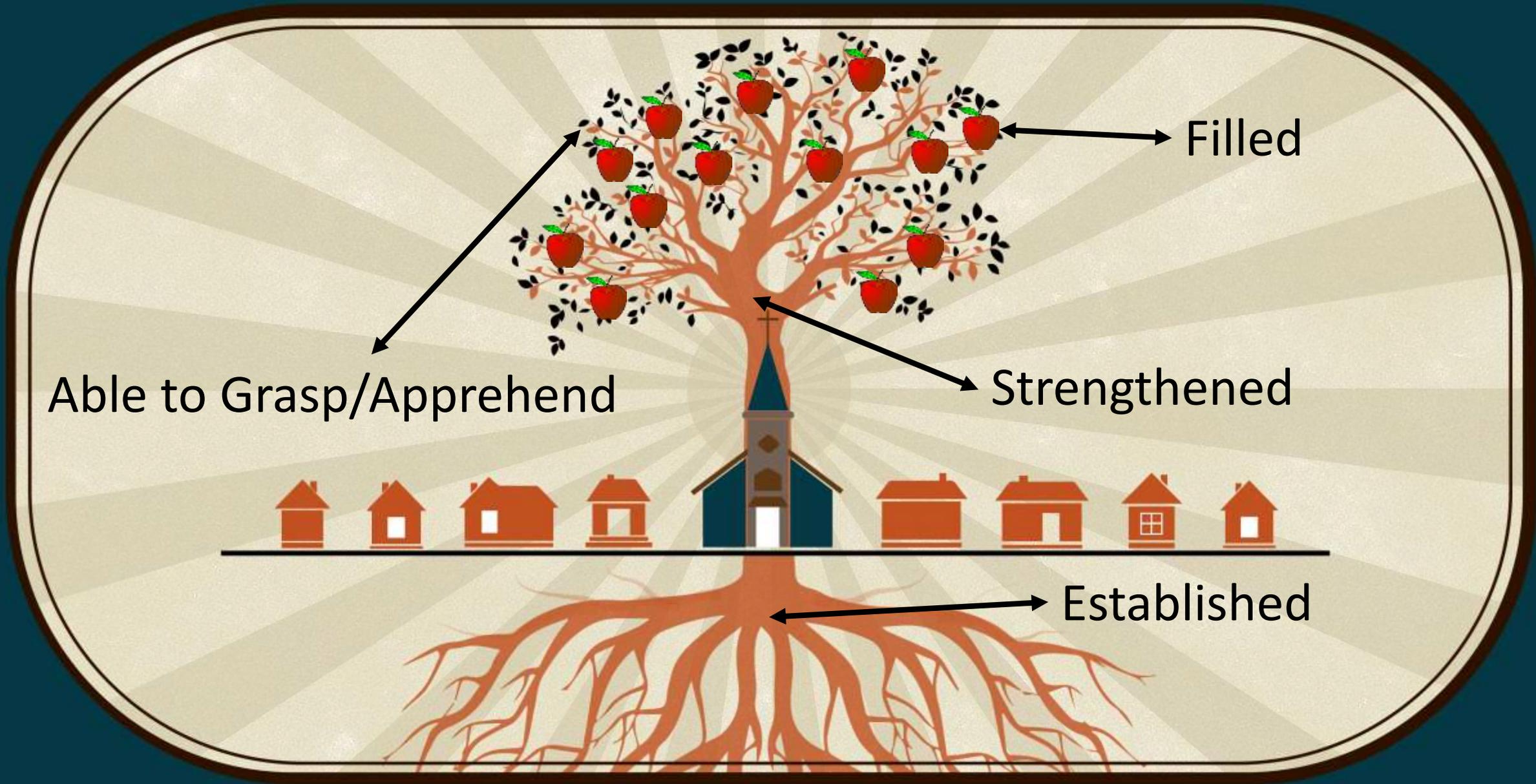






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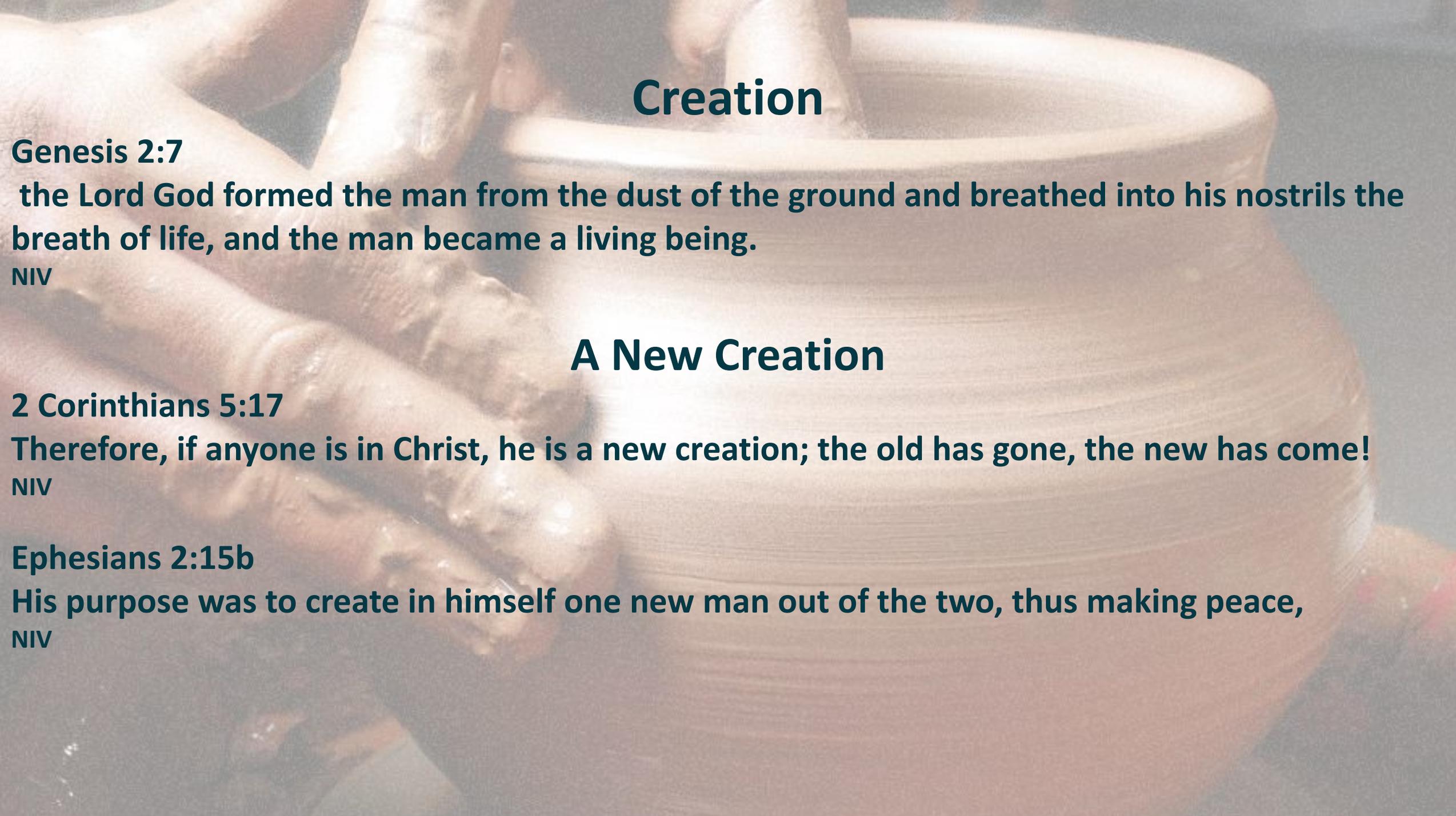


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## Creation

**Genesis 2:7**

**the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

NIV

## A New Creation

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!**

NIV

**Ephesians 2:15b**

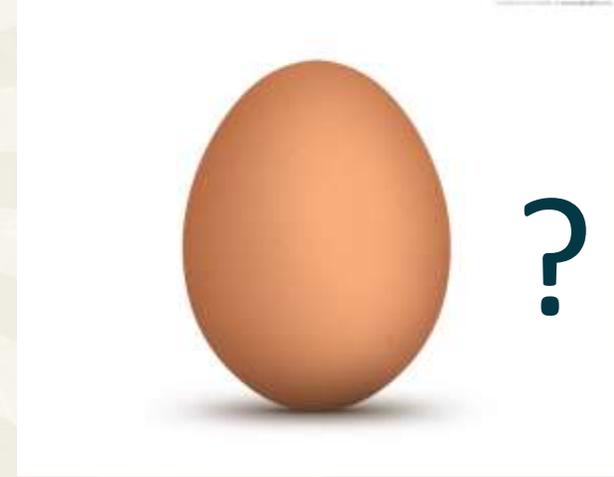
**His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,**

NIV

# Maturity or Unity?



or





# Maturity

Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.**  
NIV

Ephesians 4:11-13

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ **may be built up** 13 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.** NIV

Ephesians 4:14-15

Then we will **no longer be infants**, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will **in all things grow up into him who is the Head**, that is, Christ. NIV

# Unity





# Unity



# Unity

Ephesians 4:2,3

Be completely **humble** and **gentle**; be **patient, bearing** with one another **in love**. Make **every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace. NIV

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is **one body** and **one Spirit**— just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called— **one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all**, who is over all and through all and in all. NIV

Ephesians 4:7,8

But **to each one of us grace has been given** as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high,  
he led captives in his train  
and gave gifts to men." NIV

Ephesians 4:11-13

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## 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

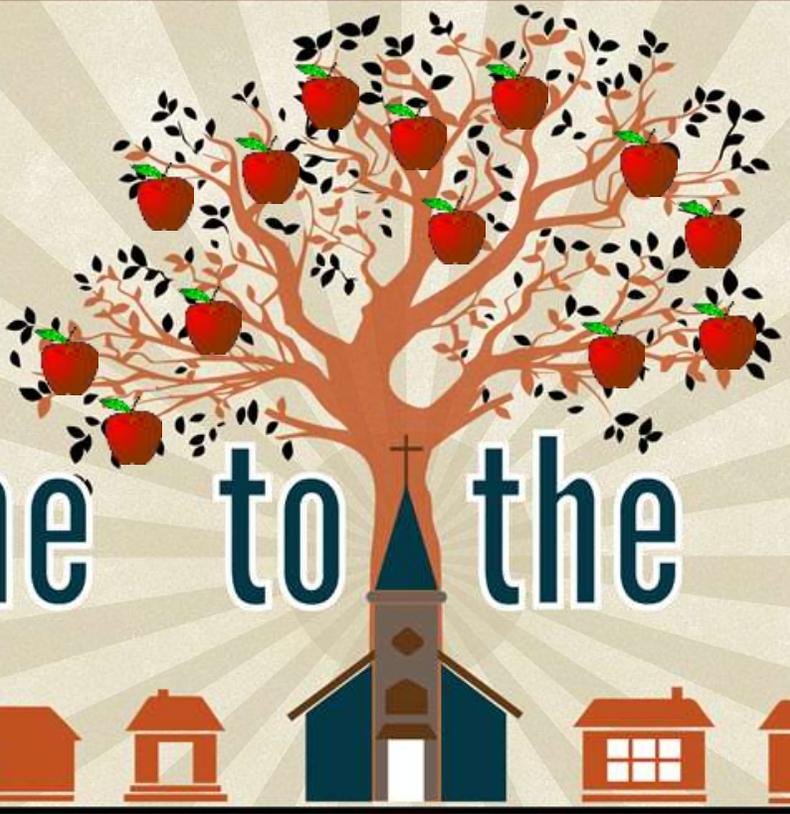
The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. NIV

# Maturity and Unity are inseparable.

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, **joined and held together** by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds itself up in love**, as each part does its work. NIV





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