

The Church

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Ephesians 5:25

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Ephesians 4:11-16

*¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for **works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until **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. ¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will **in all things** grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From 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.*

Key Truth: Service is any ministry done in the name of Jesus.

Key Truth: Every Christian has a Gift.

1 Peter 4:8-11

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things **God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.***

Matthew 25:14-30



**All Scripture is from the NIV unless otherwise noted.*

