

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Christ's Fullness Together **Ephesians 4:1-16**

The purpose of our preaching & teaching:

- Our own lives
- Our congregation
- **The Church:**
Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians & Colossians

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I Corinthians 1:2, 10-13 & 12:12-27

- What did Paul **mean** & what did they & we **understand**?

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Ephesians 4:1-6

- **Vs. 1,** "I beseech you to **walk worthy of the calling** with which you were called"
- **Beseech** = An imploring invitation for good

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Vs. 2, "with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love"

- **John 13:34-35,** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you,** that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"

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Vs. 3, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

- **John 14:27,** "Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives do I give to you." (**Matthew 5:9** – "called sons of God")
- **Peace** = "Set at **one** again", Absolute relational safety & security

Vs. 4-6, "There is **one body** and **one Spirit,** just as **you** were called in **one hope** of your calling; **one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all,** who is above all, and through all, and in **you all.**"

- "you" is plural

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Vs. 13 & 3:19, "till **we all** come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**" (I Cor. 12:12-27)

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"to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**"

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Vs. 15, "speaking the truth in love, may grow up in **all things into Him who is the head—Christ**"

- **Colossians 2:9-10,** "For in Him dwells **all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;** and **you** are complete **in Him,** who is the head of all principality and power."

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Vs. 16, "from whom **the whole body, joined and knit together** by what every **joint** supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body **for the edifying of itself in love.**"

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I believe we are living in a **unique time in history**

- I believe God is inviting us – **His Church** – into more of Christ's fullness than we have yet known
- Times like **Acts 2:42-47**

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Let us **pray** & keep our eyes **on Him**...

We did not plan this. He has graciously and gradually led us into it.

- As we continue to **follow in faith** wherever He leads us