

## Maturing In Christ

Ephesians 4:11-16

Foundations To Build Your Life On  
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## Introduction

### Ephesians 4:11-16 - Equipping People for Maturity

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> 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.**

<sup>14</sup> 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 people in their deceitful scheming.

<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will grow to become in every respect the mature body** of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> 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.

**Colossians 1:28-29,** <sup>28</sup>He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, **so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.** <sup>29</sup>To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

**Foundation #4:** Growing and maturing in Christ requires being equipped by God-called leaders and the church. You were never meant to do this alone.

## 4 Steps To Equip You For Maturing In Christ

1. Understand what maturing in Christ means.
2. Trust God's plan to use your God-called leaders and church as the primary mechanism to help you mature.
3. Be equipped by seeking out, committing to, participating in and living out the spiritual habits you are learning.
4. Know you will grow as you, the church and God all fulfill their roles.

**My Response:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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