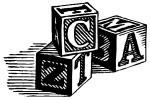


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Consequence of an Overflowing Love: Unity - Part 2"
Ephesians 4:7-16.



Basic Ideas from the Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-16.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the means God has appointed to celebrate and maintain unity with His body, the church.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to follow the means God has appointed.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in the wisdom of God for the celebration and maintaining of unity with His body, the church.



Basic Questions from the Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-16.

1. What are verses 7-13 addressing?
2. Through what channel is this unity to be accomplished?
3. In looking at verse seven, what is the grace given that all enjoy?
4. Should we consider the "grace" and "gift" as meaning the same thing?
5. What is the "measure of the gift of Christ"?
6. What does v.7 mean?
7. What idea is being expressed in v.8?
8. What is verse 11 doing?
9. What are the gifts that were given?
10. Do these gifts still survive in today's church?
11. How can we tell which ones have survived?
12. Is the gift of Pastor/Teacher one or are they two distinct gifts, but inseparable in the Pastoral office? Why were the gifts given?
13. How is a perfected body manifested?
14. Are the three elements listed in v.12 three distinct purposes or out-workings of each other?
15. Do the verses suggest a time of completion?
16. Notice the phrase, "unto a perfect man" and "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". Are these statements in parallel?
17. So what is a perfect saint?
18. What does it mean to be Christ-like?
19. What is vv.14-16 describing?
20. What are those marks?
21. If these are the marks of a perfect saint, then why is the church not perfected?
22. How do we accomplish both?
23. Why does Paul place this paragraph in the flow of his letter?
24. What is Paul hoping for?

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25. Can the church visibly be one apart from the pattern set forth by God?
26. What should the elders of a fellowship be “doing”?
27. What should the saints be “doing”?
28. What structures or attitudes need to change within this local church?



The **Basic Application** from the Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-16.

1. Is the exercising of your gift cultivating unity within the body?
2. Are you affirming the means God has appointed for the celebrating and maintaining of unity within the church?
3. If you find yourself blown hither and yon doctrinally, maybe it is because you have not yet planted yourself into a community of faith and inside of a biblical structure.
4. Let us be encouraged to take the next step and live the gospel.

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