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Becoming A Healthy Church  
**The Gospel**  
John 3:16

**What is the Good News that we proclaim?**

**For God so loved the world**

**That he gave His only begotten Son,**

**That whoever believes in Him**

**Should not perish but have everlasting life**

## Study Guide

**For the week of June 1, 2025**

**(Questions and Scriptures for further study)**

Have you ever known (or been) a self-confessed Lone-Ranger Christian? (A Lone-Ranger Christian is someone who believes that growing as a Christian is a private matter between that person and God.)

Christians grow as we build up and are built up by other members of the body of Christ. According to scripture, the way we attain Christian maturity is through the church. Read **Ephesians 4:1-6**. According to **verse 1**, how are we to live?

According to **Ephesians 4:1-6**, what are we to pursue within the church?

How are we to do that?

Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. Why did Christ give apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to the church?

Who is it who does “the work of ministry”?

**verse 12**, who is supposed to build up the body of Christ?

How should **verses 11 and 12** impact what we expect our pastors to do?

According to Paul, what is the goal of building up the body of Christ (**vv. 13-14**)?

What are the different ways Paul describes this goal?

What threat to the church’s maturity does Paul warn against in **verse 14**?

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In **verse 14**, Paul uses some pretty graphic imagery to help us understand the dangers of spiritual immaturity.

What would be some concrete signs of spiritual immaturity in someone's life?

By what means does Paul exhort the church to combat the threat of False teaching (**vv. 15-16**)?

What are some concrete ways you can help others grow in their knowledge of Christ and in resisting winds of doctrine and human schemes?

From whom does the body of Christ grow?

How does the body of Christ grow?

What does this whole passage teach us about the nature of Christian growth?

How does this passage confront the person who thinks of himself as a Lone-Ranger Christian?

How should a commitment to build up the body of Christ by speaking the truth in love impact:

- Our understanding of ministry?
- Our finances?
- How we use our time?
- What we do on Sunday mornings? Sunday afternoons? Other weeknights?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

**Consider memorizing  
Ephesians 4:11-16.**

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