

## God's Plan for the Church... Getting it Together

Sunday, February 21, 2016

(Eph. 4:11 - 16)

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 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. Ephesians 4:15 - 16*

*The Church today needs a second reformation. The first one gave the laity the Word of God; the second must give them the work of God. Elton Trueblood*

### Sermon Outline:

Introduction (vs. 11 - 12) - God gave the Church leaders to equip them for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. This requires the following conditions in the local Church.

1. Unity - Our unity in faith is measured by our experiential knowledge of the Son of God (vs. 13).
  
2. Maturity - Our maturity is measured by the stature of Christ-likeness we attain (vs. 13 - 14).
  
3. Integrity - Our Integrity is measured by speaking the truth in love to one another (vs. 15).
  
4. Community - Our Community is measured by the ability to build each other up in love (vs. 16).

### Question for Reflection / Discussion -

God's plan for the Church is dependent on 'each part doing its work' (vs. 16). What part do you believe God has for you in building up His Church? Ask someone close to you what they think.