

*A New Covenant*  
**A CHURCH THAT CHANGES THE WORLD**

## **Eph. 4:11-16**

If we have a Savior that changes lives and societies and a gospel that changes lives and societies, we should have a church that changes lives and societies. That is what is described here.

### **Verse 13**

*“We are living in a ‘post denominational’ world” – Peter Wagner*

“Unity” comes from two sources:

*Again I say to you that if two of you agree (sumphoneo) on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. – Matt. 18:19*

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| (1) Script (“Score”) | Word of God           |
| (2) Conductor        | Spirit led leadership |

“perfect man” means mature body

To the measure of the strength of the fullness of Christ!

*“fullness” (Gr.) - “in the NT, the body of believers, as that which is filled with the presence, power, agency, riches of God and of Christ.”<sup>1</sup>*

*And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. – Eph. 1:22,23*

We can’t overlook the strength of this phrase!

### **Verse 14**

The ‘extended spiritual childhood’ of many Christians is not God’s will! A child’s world is very unstable.

- Too many people sit in churches for years and have not been transformed by the gospel, do not have a working knowledge of scripture, and have not reproduced themselves in anyone!

### **Verse 15**

You don’t see this very often. If someone does speak the truth in love, they are sometimes seen as *not* being Christ like! We have a distorted picture of Jesus.

- You will not mature (*“grow up in all things”*) until you start doing this.
- Anyone can talk *about* someone.

### **Verse 16**

The “growth of the body for the edifying of itself” only comes through connections.

Notice: not connection to the “Head”, to the “joints and ligaments”.

- How many of you want to be a part of this kind of church?

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<sup>1</sup> Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon