



**WORDUP WEDNESDAYS | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
ROOTED SERIES | STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS**

RECAP: Ephesians 3 centers on the unfolding of the mystery of the gospel, strengthening the inner person, and the _____ power of Christ's love and _____. **What was once hidden has been revealed in Christ.**

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Tonight, as we continue our journey, Paul shifts to a more _____ approach to being rooted. **In other words, Paul is saying that rooted believers should not only _____ the truth but also _____.**

LEADING QUESTION: What does it look like for a church to grow into maturity together instead of everyone growing separately?

- We walk worthy together through humility and love
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LIMIT: EPHESIANS 4:1-16

LANGUAGE: GREEK

LOCATION: EPHESUS

LITERATURE: EPISTLE

LEADS: Believers living in unity.

LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16 is broken down with verses 1–6 emphasizing the **call to unity and the attitudes that protect it.** Verses 7–11 explain _____, and verses 12–16 show the _____, **which is for the building up of the body into maturity.**

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LESSON 1: A ROOTED CHURCH WALKS WORTHY AND PROTECTS UNITY-vs. 1-6: As Paul begins this text, he opens by naming himself a “prisoner.” This is the 2nd time he has done this, and it’s very intentional.

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- The word “walk” appears _____ times in this letter.

The first evidence of a worthy walk is unity. Paul teaches that a rooted church protects unity through _____ practical approaches

- **Humility-**
- _____ -
- _____ -
- **Bearing with one another in love**

In verses 3-6, Paul reminds the church that unity is not based on sameness, but on shared spiritual reality.

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LESSON 2: A ROOTED CHURCH RECOGNIZES THAT EVERY BELIEVER HAS A GIFT- vs. 7–11:

Paul shifts to show that unity does not mean _____, but it means that God gives grace differently to each believer.

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Vs. 8-9: Paul explains the _____ of these gifts.

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Beginning in verse 11, Paul names specific leadership gifts Christ gives to the church.

- **Apostles** were foundational witnesses of the resurrection who helped establish the early church and lay its doctrinal foundation.
- **Prophets**

- **Evangelists** are gifted to proclaim the gospel clearly and passionately, helping people come to faith in Christ.
- **Pastors**
- **Teachers**

LESSON 3: A ROOTED CHURCH GROWS INTO MATURITY THROUGH TRUTH AND LOVE-

vs.12–16: Paul explains the purpose of the gifts. They are given to: **Equip the saints for the work of ministry,** _____, and **Evangelize to the sinner.**

Vs. 13-14: **This answers the question, How long will this growth process take?** It will continue until we all reach a place of _____, maturity, and _____.

Vs. 15: _____. We grow by speaking the truth in love.

Vs. 16:

CLOSING: What is one way God is calling you to contribute to the growth of the body, so that the church becomes more mature, unified, and rooted in truth and love?