

## STUDY 24

### GROWING IN CHRIST

#### IV. THE PROCESS - C. The Body of Christ - 2. Growing and Maturing

In the last study you saw how God designed the body of Christ to be a healthy, growing organism. Now look at another passage Paul wrote that shows the need to grow and mature in love with one another.

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1. Read Ephesians 4:11-16.
  2. Verse 11 says that God has gifted certain people in the body of Christ in certain ways. What are His purposes in doing so? (See verses 12 and 13).

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3. According to verses 14-16, how is the body of Christ to grow (together)?

4. Verse 16 says that Christ causes the whole body to grow and be built up in love. Who are three people whom you can build up in love this week? (You may even consider someone whom you find it hard to love!)

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(3)

5. How will you build those people up? (Be creative in expressing your love to them!)

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6. Pray for each person you listed, asking God to cause your love for them to grow this week.