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No Longer Children

Unity—ONE EVERYTHING!

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love**, endeavoring to keep the **unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**. There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling; **one** Lord, **one** faith, one baptism; **one** God and Father of all, who is **above all, and through all, and in you all**.”
Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

Yahweh is ONE! — What does that mean!

““Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is **one**! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJV

“Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?” Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: **‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.** And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.” Mark 12:28-30 NKJV

The Divine Family

“Then God said, **“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply;** fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being....And the LORD God said, “ It is not good that man

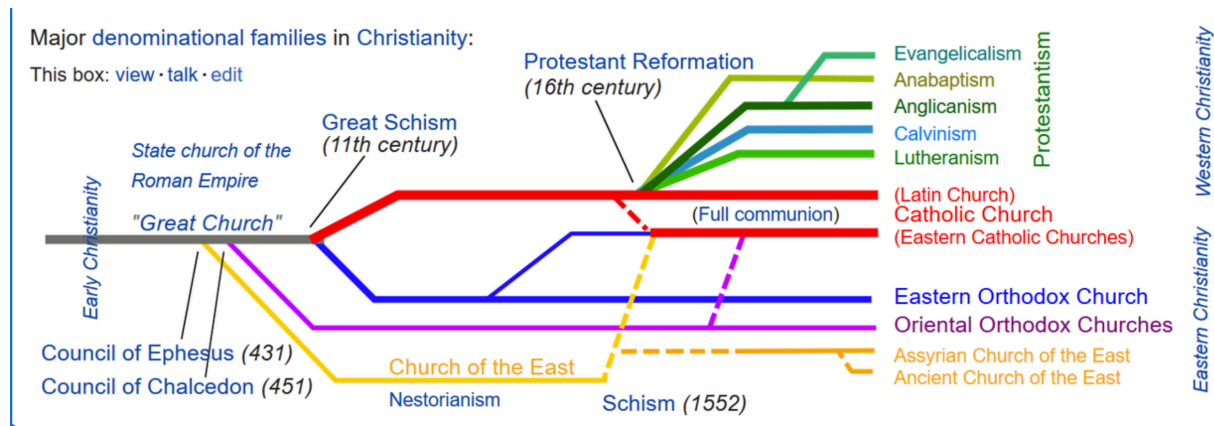
should be alone; I **will make him a helper comparable to him.**"...And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD **God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.** And Adam said: **"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."** **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."** Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-24 NKJV

Three in One but ONE!

- ☑ Our Image
- ☑ Male and Female He created them
- ☑ Then be fruitful and multiply
- ☑ You see it? The Image of Yahweh is a Man, Woman and Child or in other words A Father, Spirit, and Son!
- ☑ That is His Image
- ☑ Do you see what is happening in the world today? The Anti-Genesis culture, the anti- "in Our image" narrative?
- ☑ There is no Man, no woman, no sanctity of marriage, no unborn rights! (Gender confusion, homosexual agenda, abortion!)

- ☑ Turtles have rights, Whales have rights, Ducks have rights, EVEN TREES have rights. But the unborn and now EVEN the born have no rights!

We are called to Unity



“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is **For brethren to dwell together in unity!** It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. **It is like the dew of Hermon,** Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.” Psalms 133:1-3 NKJV

“Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9 NKJV

The Upper Room Discourse—Y’shua’s Prayer for Us

“Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, **that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.** I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. John 17:1-5

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one:** I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one,** and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:20-23 NKJV

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no**

divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." **Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?** Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. **For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect."** I Corinthians 1:10-17 NKJV

- ☑ Unity is Precious and Abundant
- ☑ There is ONE true God and One Y'shua
- ☑ Y'shua Prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are one. You see the connection to the "Great Commandment" "The Lord our God is One!"?
- ☑ That they may be made perfect in one— we cannot bear His image while not in unity!
- ☑ What does that look like?
 - ☑ Speak the same things

- ☑ Zero Divisions
- ☑ Joined to tougher in the same mind!

How do we get there?

“For the **message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise?

Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we **preach Christ crucified**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised

God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. **But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God**—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.””

I Corinthians 1:18-31 NKJV

- ☑ First the message of the cross
- ☑ Then access to the power of God
- ☑ Then display the wisdom God because you are “in-Christ!”

Back to Ephesians 4

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) **And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping** of the saints for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of**

the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should **no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,** by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, **joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share,** causes growth of the body for the **edifying of itself in love.**”
Ephesians 4:7-16 NKJV

FIRST REMEMBER PAULS PREVIOUS WORDS IN THE LETTER!
“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,** in whom the whole building, being **fitted together, grows into a holy temple** in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV

- ☒ We are members of God’s house
- ☒ Built on Apostles, prophets and king

- ☑ We are fit together (all different pieces) to make ONE HOLY TEMPLE

Office vs Gift

Five Fold Ministry of Ephesians 4:11

1. **apostles**
2. **prophets**
3. **evangelists**
4. **pastors**
5. **teachers**

Working together to accomplish what?

- ☑ To equip the body and build it up
- ☑ Unity
- ☑ Perfection
- ☑ Stature of Messiah
- ☑ No Longer Immature Christians tossed around by believing lies
- ☑ How? Joined and knit together (as one) and every part does it's job and grows together building itself in LOVE.

Now lets see the progression—Grow Up from what to what?
maybe the best 16 verses in all the Bible to show us the

progression. Remember what he just read in Paul's introduction to this letter.

- ☑ First the message of the cross
- ☑ Then access to the power of God
- ☑ Then display the wisdom God because you are "in-Christ!"

The Gospel of Salvation (GOS)

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.** I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were **not with persuasive words of human wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**" I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV

HOWEVER—The Gospel of the Kingdom! (GOTK)

"**However**, we speak wisdom among those **who are mature**, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for **our glory**, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they

known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit **searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "**who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?**" But we have the **mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV

Okay—Track with this (From Salvation to the Mind of Christ—
UNITY all in one short chapter!)

AGAIN: “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly **joined together in the same mind** and in the same judgment.” I Corinthians 1:10 NKJV

AND AGAIN: “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one:** I in them, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one,** and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:20-23 NKJV

- ☑ First: Christ Crucified in a simple and non-persuasive way so there is not confusion about what took place.
- ☑ Then it's time to get mature! What happens then:
- ☑ Hidden mysteries are available for YOUR GLORY
- ☑ You are equipped to search the deep thing of God
- ☑ Note: review Ephesians 3 teaching
- ☑ Fact: the natural man cannot discern the things of God not His mind. They are utter foolishness

- ☑ Fact: the man filled with the Spirit can indeed know the deep things of God, and in fact has access to the mind of Christ.
- ☑ If we all acted as such there would be UNITY—ONE MIND!

Grown-ups in the faith: Spiritual Immaturity to Maturity

Rebuke for staying immature!

“For though **by this time you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the **first principles** of the oracles of God; and you have come to **need milk and not solid food**. For everyone who partakes only of milk is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, for he is a babe. But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil**.” Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the **elementary principles** of Christ, let us **go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment**. And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

- ☑ You should move on and be able to teach this stuff

- ☑ Milk vs. Meat
 - ☑ Milk: unskilled in the word of righteousness
 - ☑ Meat: mature who can discern good and evil
- ☑ Elementary Principles vs Perfection: (Don't stay here (GOS) but instead go onto maturity (GOTK)
 - ☑ repentance
 - ☑ faith
 - ☑ baptism
 - ☑ laying on of hands
 - ☑ resurrection of the dead
 - ☑ eternal judgment

Build on the right foundation

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder **I have laid the foundation**, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will

receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. **Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." I Corinthians 3:9-17 NKJV

- ☑ Christ is the foundation
- ☑ Build on it with mature doctrine
- ☑ So...you can be body the has built itself up in love into the image of Christ—the Spiritual Temple

Spiritual Gifts that Make For a healthy Body—we all must do our part! This will all make perfect sense now!

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. **There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.** But the

manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healings** by the same Spirit, to another the working of **miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." I Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV

- ☑ Don't be ignorant of the Spiritual gifts
- ☑ One Spirit, One Lord, One God but:
 - ☑ diversities of gifts
 - ☑ differences of ministries
 - ☑ diversities of activities
- ☑ Here are the Gifts
 - ☑ word of wisdom
 - ☑ word of knowledge
 - ☑ faith
 - ☑ healings
 - ☑ working of miracles
 - ☑ prophecy
 - ☑ discerning of spirits

- ☑ different kinds of tongues
- ☑ interpretation of tongues

Lots of gifts but still only ONE BODY

“For as the **body is one** and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, **are one body, so also is Christ**. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now **God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased**. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? **But now indeed there are many members, yet one body**. And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our

presentable parts have no need. **But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.** And God has appointed these in the church: **first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.” I Corinthians 12:12-31 NKJV

- ☑ One Body—Many parts
- ☑ Christ has appointed each part as He saw pleasing
- ☑ He has composed in such a way that even the “least of parts” is essential for the body to work AT ALL.
- ☑ Think of a simple part like a cable that attaches to a car battery.
- ☑ A car has so many complex parts, engines, transmission, computer systems, and electrical systems, exhaust systems, etc.

- ☑ NONE IF IT MATTERS AT ALL if the cable is missing, disconnected or defective!
- ☑ If that part is off, the whole car suffers so let's be equally concerned for all parts.
- ☑ One body of Christ—members individually.
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 - ☑ second prophets
 - ☑ third teachers
 - ☑ miracles
 - ☑ gifts of healings
 - ☑ helps
 - ☑ administrations
 - ☑ varieties of tongues

The greatest of all is Love!

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be

burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." I Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV

☑ If have all these but no love—I am a useless part!

THEN WHAT LOVE IS

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**" I Corinthians 13:4-13 NKJV

☑ 16 attributes of love (all are love not each are love)

1. Patience—(long suffering)
2. Kindness—
3. Does not envy—
4. Doesn't boast—(not parade itself)
5. Is not proud—(puffed up)
6. Does not dishonor others (not rude)
7. Not self seeking—
8. Not easily angered— (not provoked)
9. Keeps no records of wrong—(Thinks no evil)
10. Does not delight in evil—(does not rejoice in iniquity)
11. Rejoices in truth—
12. Always protects—(bears all things)
13. Always trusts—(believes all things)
14. Always hopes—
15. Always persevere—(Endures all things)
16. Never fails—

Romans gifts

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to **think soberly**, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith**. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are

one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Having then gifts differing **according to the grace** that is given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or **ministry**, let us use it in our ministering; he who **teaches**, in teaching; he who **exhorts**, in exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness." Romans 12:3-8 NKJV

- ☒ God is the one who has dealt to each what they have
- ☒ Prophecy
- ☒ Ministry
- ☒ Teacher
- ☒ Exhorter
- ☒ Giver
- ☒ Leader
- ☒ Mercy

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