

Reasons to TEACH the TRUTH IN LOVE

Part Two

Ephesians 4:15

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But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head,
even Christ:

1. That we should no longer be children

Ephesians 4:14

That we henceforth be no more children

a. Hebrews 6:1-3

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Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto
perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of
faith toward God,

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Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the
dead, and of eternal judgment.

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And this will we do, if God permit.

b. Acts 20:20

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And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you,
and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

2. Not tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine

Ephesians 4:14b

tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

a. II Timothy 4:3

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For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears

b. Acts 20:30

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Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

c. Revelation 2:4

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Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

d. II Peter 2:3

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And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

e. I Corinthians 12:10

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To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

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Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

3. But speaking the truth in love

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a. II Thessalonians 2:10-12

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And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

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That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

b. II Timothy 2:2

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And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

4. May grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ

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may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ

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a. Ephesians 3:17-20

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That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

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May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

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And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

b. John 1:14

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And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

c. Acts 6:4

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But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

d. Ephesians 2:21,22

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In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

e. Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

f. Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

5. Every part does its share

Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part,

a. I Corinthians 12:11-20

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one

Spirit.

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For the body is not one member, but many.

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If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

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And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

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If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

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But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

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And if they were all one member, where were the body?

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But now are they many members, yet but one body.

b. Acts 2:42-44

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And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

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And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

6. Causes growth of the body

Ephesians 4:16

maketh increase of the body

a. I Corinthians 3:7

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So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

b. I Timothy 4:12,13

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Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

7. For the building up of itself in love

Ephesians 4:16

unto the edifying of itself in love.

a. Hebrews 10:24,25

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And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

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Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day

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approaching.

b. Jude 2,3

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Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied.

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Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.