

Reasons to Teach the Truth in Love

Part One

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. To equip the saints

Ephesians 4:12

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For the perfecting of the saints,

a. 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.

b. I Corinthians 14:40

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Let all things be done decently and in order

2. To work of ministry

Ephesians 4:12

For the work of the ministry,

a. I Corinthians 16:15

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I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

b. I Corinthians 1:17

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I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

c. I Timothy 1:12

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And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

3. To edifying of the body of Christ

Ephesians 4:12

for the edifying of the body of Christ:

a. Matthew 16:18

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And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

b. I Corinthians 3:10

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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

c. I Corinthians 14:2

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For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

I Corinthians 14:4

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He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

I Corinthians 14:26

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How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

d. I Corinthians 8:1

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Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

I Corinthians 13:1, 2

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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

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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, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Ephesians 4:15

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4. Till we come to the unity of the faith

Till we all come in the unity of the faith

a. I Corinthians 13:10

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But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

b. I Corinthians 1:10

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Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

5. To the full knowledge of the Son of God

Ephesians 4:13

and of the knowledge of the Son of God

a. II Peter 1:3

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According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

b. II Timothy 1:12

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For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

c. John 8:30-32

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As he spake these words, many believed on him.

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Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

6. To a perfect man

Ephesians 4:13

unto a perfect man,

a. I Corinthians 13:10

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But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

b. Colossians 1:8

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Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

c. II Corinthians 13:9

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For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

7. To the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

A. Hebrews 11:11

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Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Luke 12:25

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And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

B. Ephesians 1:23

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Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

II Timothy 3:16,17

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

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That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

C. Ephesians 4:15

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