



A Mature Church
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Ephesians 4:13-16

Introduction:

What does a mature person look like?
What does a mature church look like?
Until—we will not reach total maturity on earth.

I. Mature Manhood (vs.13)

- A. Unity of the Faith
- B. Knowledge of Christ
- C. Reflect Christ
- D. Characteristics of a mature believer:
 - 1. They know who they are
 - 2. Has learned to die to self
 - 3. Unselfish
 - 4. Takes responsibility for their own life
 - 5. Committed and connected in relationships
 - 6. Protects unity in relationships
 - 7. Knows how to walk with God in crisis

II. Immature Children (vs.14)

- A. Tossed about by every wave and wind of false doctrine
 - 1. The gospel of permissive grace
 - 2. The gospel of social justice
 - 3. The gospel of new age spirituality
 - 4. The gospel of my sexual preference
 - 5. The gospel of interfaith dialogue
- B. Human cunning, craftiness, deceitful, schemes, trickery

III. Growing up in love (vs.15-16)

The true mark of a mature Christian and mature church is **LOVE**.

Conclusion:

Maturity is not measured in years but character!

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