

A Church Fully  
Equipped -  
Unity & Diversity.  
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- Opened to Gentiles

- Empowered by the Spirit

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- Universal Church
- God's family
- God's great project
- Body of Christ

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1. What is Church?

- 'University'

2. Why unity?

3. Why diversity?

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1. What is Church?

- **U**niversity
- *uni* = one

2. Why unity?

3. Why diversity?

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1. What is Church?

- Uni**versity**

- *uni* = one

2. Why unity?

- **versity** = *veritas*  
= truth

3. Why diversity?

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- **One truth**

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- **One truth**

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Peter answered:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Jesus replied:

"Peter, on this **rock** I will build **my Church**  
and the gates of Hell will not overcome it".

Matthew 16 v 16

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- One truth
- **Jesus is the truth**

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- One truth
- Jesus is the truth

2. Why unity?

- **Unity = one** (v 4 - 6)

3. Why diversity?

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“There is **one body** and **one Spirit** -  
just as you were called to **one hope**  
when you were called -  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism;**  
**one God and Father of all**  
who is over all and through all and in all”.

Ephesians 4 v 4-6

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- Early Church

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1. What is Church?

- Early Church
- God's plan

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“They devoted themselves  
to the **Apostles** teaching and  
to the fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and  
to prayer”.

Acts 2 v 42

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1. What is Church?

- Early Church

- God's plan

2. Why unity?

- Diversity of help

3. Why diversity?

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“It was he who gave  
some to be apostles,  
some to be prophets  
some to be evangelists, and  
some to be pastors and teachers”.

Ephesians 4 v 11

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## 1. What is Church?

- **service** v 12
- **growth** v 12 & v 16

## 2. Why unity?

- **unity** v 13
- **maturity** v 13

## 3. Why diversity?

- **fullness in Christ** v 13
- **speak the truth in love** v 15

## 4. Equipped for what?

- **be the Body** v 15
- **do our part** v 16



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“Be completely humble and gentle;  
be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4 v 2

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## Encouragement for **us all**:

v 7 "But to each of us **grace** has been given  
as Christ apportioned it".