

# **In Order to Shift We Must Mature**



**Ephesians 4:5-17**

- Paul is expressing to the church of Ephesus that there is only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
- Verse 7 – means that there is no excuse for us not being productive.
- Verse 12 – tells us why He gave some. We are to perfect the saints.
- God has put these perfecting gifts into the body of Christ so that we might teach the body of Christ.
- Verse 13 – how long should we do this? Until we come into a place called unity.
- Verse 14 – so that we will not be tricked.
- Verse 15 – so that we grow up into Christ.
- Verse 16 – There is a measure in your part.
- Once our gift is in operation it makes increase.
- Purpose: to mature us for our next assignment, to shift.
- Goal: for us to resolve in our hearts that we will shift as mature believers.
- Spiritual principles: Organization, Obedience, Authority, and Unconditional Love.
- Objectives: (1) We must mature in love; (2) We must mature in faith; (3) We must mature in knowledge; (4) We must mature in works; (5) We must mature in our togetherness.