

Rising to Live  
1 Corinthians 15

[I believe] in the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
and forgiveness of sins.

-The Apostles' Creed

## THE CHURCH IS THE TRAINING GROUND FOR LIVING

(v.1) Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received.

“...I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.” (NLT)

Deuteronomy 30:19

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

Do I have a vision for life strong enough to pull me through suffering?

## THE CHURCH IS THE TRAINING GROUND FOR LOVING

Ephesians 4:2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## THE CHURCH IS A TRAINING GROUND FOR SHARING

Ephesians 4:4-5

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

By Sharing Our Gifts (v.7, 11).

"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it...11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers..."



Gifts:

Affinity

Ability

Opportunity

By Sharing A Goal (v.12-14).

Ministry

"To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." (v. 12)

## Maturity (v.13)

"...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming."

## By Sharing Truth & Love (v.15-16)

"...Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

## THE CHURCH IS A TRAINING GROUND FOR RECEIVING (v. 8-10)

8 This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

9 What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

Dear God, where are you training me today? Father, By Your Holy Spirit, Help me to learn. In Jesus' name, Amen.