**Ephesians 4:11-16**

**11** Andhe (Jesus) gave theapostles, the prophets, theevangelists, thepastors and teachers, **12** to equip [complete; perfect] the saints for the work of ministry, forbuilding upthe body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to[reach]the unity [‎oneness; unanimity (unanimous)] of the faith [(the ‎system of religious truth] and of the knowledge [full discernment] of the Son of God, **to mature [perfect; complete] manhood**,to the measure of the stature [size] ofthe fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children,tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness indeceitful schemes. **15** Rather,speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head**, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped,when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. ESV

**11** It was he (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare [completing; perfecting] God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity [‎oneness; unanimity (unanimous)] in the faith [the ‎system of religious truth], knowledge ‎[full discernment] of the Son of God and **become mature [perfect; complete]**, attaining to the whole measure [size] of the fullness of Christ.

**14** 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 men in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will in all things grow up into 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. NIV

**11** And He Himself (Jesus) gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping [completing; perfecting] of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying [building up] of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity [‎oneness; unanimity (unanimous)] of the faith [the ‎system of religious truth] and of the knowledge [full discernment] of the Son of God, **to a perfect [mature; complete] man**, to the measure of the stature [size] of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him who is the head** — Christ — **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. NKJV

**11** Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. **12** Their responsibility is to equip [completing; perfecting] God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. **13** This will continue until we all come to such unity [‎oneness; unanimity (unanimous)] in our faith [the ‎system of religious truth] and knowledge [full discernment] of God's Son **that we will be mature [perfect; complete] in the Lord**, measuring up to the full and complete standard [size] of Christ.

**14** Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. **15** Instead, we will speak the truth in love, **growing in every way more and more like Christ**, who is the head of his body, the church. **16** He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. NLV

**Eph 4:1-6**

**1** I therefore,a prisoner for the Lord, urge you towalk in a manner worthy ofthe calling to which you have been called, **2** with allhumility andgentleness, withpatience,bearing with one another in love, **3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4** There isone body andone Spirit—just as you were called to the onehope that belongs to your call— **5** one Lord,one faith,one baptism, **6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.** ESV

**1** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** 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. 4** 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.** NIV

**1** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** **4** *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6 one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.**  NKJV

**1** Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. **2** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. **3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.** **4** For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. **5** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6 and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.** NLV

**John 17:20-26**

**20** "I do notask for these [original disciples] only, but also for thosewho will believe in me through their word, 21 **that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us**, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one (unity), so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.** **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may bewith mewhere I am,to see my glory that you have given me because you loved mebefore the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, even thoughthe world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the lovewith which you have loved me may be in them, andI in them." ESV

**20** "My prayer is not for them [original disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

**24** "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

**25** "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. **26** I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." NIV

**20** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will**\*** believe in Me through their word; **21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,** that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.**

**24** "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. **26** And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it,* that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." NKJV

**20** "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. **21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you.** And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

**22** "I have given them the glory you gave me, **so they may be one as we are one. 23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. 24** Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

**25** "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. **26** I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them." NLV

**Rom 8:28-30**

**28** And we know that for those who love God all things work togetherfor good,forthose who are called according to his purpose. **29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to [fashioned like] the image [likeness] of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.** **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he alsojustified, and those whom he justified he alsoglorified. ESV

**28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,whohave been called according to his purpose. **29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to [fashioned like] the likeness [image] of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. NIV

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. **29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to [fashioned like] the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.** **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. NKJV

**28** And we know that God causes everything to work together**\*** for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like [fashioned like] his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30** And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. NLV

**Col 1:15-17**

**15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [prototype] of all creation.** **16** For byhim all things were created,in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whetherthrones ordominions or rulers or authorities—all things were createdthrough him and for him. **17** Andhe is before all things, and in him all thingshold together. ESV

**15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [prototype] over all creation.** **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. NIV

**15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [prototype] over all creation.** **16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. NKJV

**15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.**

**He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation**,

**16** for through him God created everything

in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see

and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

**17** He existed before anything else,

and he holds all creation together. NLV

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

**14** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15** from whomevery familyin heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory **he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, beingrooted andgrounded [firmly established] in love, **18** may have strength tocomprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length andheight and depth, 19 and to know [absolutely] the love of Christ that surpasses [goes beyond] [academic/experiential] knowledge, **that you may be filled [stuffed full] with all the fullness [complete fullness] of God.** ESV

**14** For this reason I kneel before the Father, **15** from whom his whole familyin heaven and on earth derives its name. **16** I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,** 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.And I pray that you, being rooted and [firmly] established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know [absolutely] this love that surpasses [goes beyond] [academic/experiential] knowledge — **that you may be filled [stuffed full] to the measure of all [whole] the fullness [complete fullness] of God.** NIV

**14** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height — **19** to know [absolutely] the love of Christ which passes [goes beyond] [academic/experiential] knowledge; **that you may be filled [stuffed full] with all the fullness [complete fullness] of God.** NKJV

**14** When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father,**\* 15** the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. **16** I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources **he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit**. **17** Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. **18** And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. **19** May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully (passes [goes beyond] [academic/experiential] knowledge). **Then you will be made complete [stuffed full] with all the fullness [complete fullness] of life and power that comes from God.** NLV

**Colossians 2:9-10**

**9 For in him the whole fullness [complete fullness] of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled [stuffed/crammed full] in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority. ESV

**9 For in Christ all the fullness [complete fullness] of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and you have been given fullness [complete fullness] in Christ**, who is the head over every power and authority. NIV

**9 For in Him dwells all the fullness [complete fullness] of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete [stuffed/crammed full] in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power. NKJV

**9 For in Christ lives all the fullness [complete fullness]of God in a human body. 10 So you also are complete [stuffed/crammed full] through your union with Christ**, who is the head over every ruler and authority. NLV