

God's Part In Our Maturity

Ephesians Series Part 12

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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. Ephesians 4:11-16

The _____ of God's Maturity Process (11-12)

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The _____ of God's Maturity Process (13)

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Maturity Then we will no longer be immature like children

Stability We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching

Resistance We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever

Truthfulness Instead, we will speak the truth in love,

Christ-likeness growing in every way more and more like Christ,

The _____ of God's Maturity Process (15-16)

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Christ is the **HEAD**

We are the BODY

Answers:

Gifts, Goal, Growth, Government