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8 Wherefore He saith, When He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 9 (Now that He ascended, what is it but He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fulfill all things.) 11 And He gave some Apostles; and some Prophets; and some Evangelists; and some Pastors and Teachers; 12 For the perfecting (equipping) of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. 13 Till we all come in the Unity of Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (mature) man, unto the measure of the stature of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight (trickery) of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the Truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the body fitly joined together and compacted (knit together) by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working, in the measure of every part (of each doing his part), maketh increase of the body (causing growth) unto the edifying of itself in love.

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17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity (futility) of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness (stupidity, callousness) of their hearts. 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him by the truth in Jesus.

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation (conduct) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the New man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 24 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members of one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place (an opening, opportunity) to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth,

but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye have been sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you.



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