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▶ The incredible growth of the early church happened because of -

*The power of the message

*The power of the Holy Spirit

*The power of unity

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Ephesians 4:12-16

Vs 13 The church exists to display:

This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

- ▶ The unity of the faith
- ▶ The fullness of Christ in us

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Vs 14 Children in the faith are understood to:

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.

- ▶ be easily scattered
- ▶ be easily mistaught
- ▶ be easily misled

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Vs 15 Mature believers in the faith are characterized by:

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.

▶ resemblance in all things to Christ

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Vs 16 Church is a team sport

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.

▶ Don't miss the change

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