

A dramatic landscape painting of Ephesus at sunset. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted ruins of the Temple of the Virgin Mary are visible, with its iconic archway framing the view. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a city, likely Ephesus, nestled in a valley. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, creating a warm and atmospheric scene. The overall color palette is dominated by oranges, yellows, and browns, with the dark tones of the ruins providing a strong contrast.

EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Walking worthy... #3

- Five 'people' gifts to the church: (4:11)

1. Apostles

2. Prophets

3. Evangelists

4. Pastors

5. Teachers

5 'People' gifts

- These 5 work together
 - for the Church
 - They are to serve the church needs...
 - And to prepare the members!
- Equipping – *katartismos* 1x
 - Perfecting! – from the root for mending Mt 4:21(nets); 2Co 13:9

Goal for gifts

- *ergon diakonias* – works of service
- Building up the Body *oikodome*
 - Edify, build, like a house See 2:21
 - This is essential for the church...
- Full-time ministry is a necessity!

How do you know...

- What is the criteria for success??
 - All “arrive” at the unity of faith
 - the whole group, every individual
 - *epignosis* – of the Son of God
 - *teleios* – full grown, mature (comp. 14)
 - Measure of the stature of Christ
- How you doing... how about me?

Failure looks like... 4:14

- “*So that we would no longer be*”
 - Children (*nepios*) childish, infants
 - Tossed and carried about
 - Waves and winds of false teachings
 - “sleight of hand” like fake dice...
 - Craftiness, cunning, subtlety
 - Deception and delusion

True Success

- Speaking (holding) the truth in love.
- Growing in all ways into HIM (4:13)
- Christ the Head: fitted; Held together
 - What each supplies, proper working parts
 - Causes the whole to grow into LOVE!!!
 - See 3:10!